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CAROLINA RACE-HATE GROUP JOINS AMERICAN ACTION, INC.

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ATLANTA, Nov. 19.—Crackdown on the Negro-hating, Jew-baiting Columbians, Inc., by Atlanta police has caused a purported branch of the order in South Carolina to transfer its allegiance to another 'ism' group—American Action Inc. —it was learned here.

H. G. Willingham, who announced recently he had been named South Carolina chairman of the Columbians, said the shift was made because the American Action outfit operated under a "non-violence" policy and the Columbians had been charged with violence.

Meanwhile Homer L. Loomis, Jr., head of the Columbians here, denied the existence of any other branch and maintained that the Atlanta unit was the only one of its kind.

In Columbia, S. C., Willingham said his own plans were being held in abeyance **"until Gene Talmadge is inaugurated governor of Georgia and until the Republicans reorganize Congress."**

Mountaineers Get Charter to 'Keep America White'

The Afro-American
Baltimore, Md.

RALEIGH, N.C. (ANP)—Another group of "keep America white" proponents leaped into the public eye when 13 residents of the mountain section of Ashe County obtained a charter for the newly organized American Confederation of Enlisted Men last week. Sat. 12-7-46

The men, led by Manley Blevins, 37-year-old free-lance newspaper man and ex-convict, declared that their organization is pledged under its constitution to "keep America white and free."

In addition, it plans to "fight monopoly," and to see that "in the future, commissioned officers do not assume the rank of god over enlisted men."

Denying vigorously that the group had anything in common with the Columbians of Atlanta, anti-colored, anti-Jewish, Blevins said, "The first thing we're going to do is fight such organizations as the Columbians.

"We're not anti-anybody except enemies of our country. We have the same right to charter a white man's organization as the colored people have to start an all-colored group. After all, we're white men first."

Blevins is said to have served a 90-day prison sentence in 1936 for drunken driving. He formerly worked on the Honolulu Advertiser, Nashville Tennessean and other papers. Prison records list him as a "journalist." Prior to the war, he was a marine, and is now an Army veteran of World War II.

Members in Pennsylvania

According to the journalist, the organization has 107 members in Ashe County, and also members in neighboring Tennessee, Virginia with the Negro-hating Columbians in Atlanta.

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Anti-Columbian All-White Group Chartered in N. C.

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RALEIGH, N. C., Nov. 28—(UP)—The "American Confederation of Enlisted Men," sworn to "keep America white and free," has been chartered by the State of North Carolina and its leaders immediately blasted as "anti-American" the Jew-baiting Columbians, Inc., and the Ku Klux Klan.

Manley Blevins, 37, free-lance newspaperman and one-time convict, led 12 charter members down from the mountains of Ashe County Wednesday, received the charter from Secretary of State Thad Eure and vigorously denied that his all-white, all-enlisted veterans' group had anything in common with the Columbians.

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New Hate Unit Is Organized

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Atlanta, Ga.

RALEIGH, N. C.— SNS)— The State of North Carolina granted a charter to the "American Confederation of Enlisted Men" whose leaders stated that members are sworn to "keep America white and free," however almost immediately they branded the anti-Negro and anti-Jew Columbians, Inc., and the Ku Klux Klan as anti-American. Sat. 11-30-46

Manley Blevins, 37, free lance former newspaper man and ex-con

New Virginia Patriotic Fraternal Order Open to 'White Persons Only'

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Labeled as Body to Spread KKK Doctrines, American Shores Patrol Given State Charter

By NAT TURNER

RICHMOND—A new "patriotic, fraternal beneficiary organization or order, the American Shore Patrol, open to "white persons only," has been chartered in this State, according to records in the offices of the State Corporation Commission.

Although the charter says nothing about exclusion of Jews and Catholics, information obtained from other sources indicates that it is a new vehicle for spreading doctrines of the Ku Klux Klan.

It is permitted under the charter (1) to operate as a fraternal beneficiary society or order "under the lodge system, providing benefits for its members or their dependents, and (2) to engage in charitable and educational purposes."

"Fraternal Secret Society"

The order is empowered to confer an initiative and degree ritualism, fraternal and secret obligations, words, grips, signs and ceremonies, under which there shall be united only white persons of sound health, good morals and high character."

The organization received "such rights and privileges as are now extended to the Independent Orpersonal property.

Application for the charter was filed May 24, 1944, the certificate of incorporation being filed with Judge Walter T. McCarthy in the Circuit Court of Arlington County, who signed the certificate.

In signing the certificate, the judge wrote:

"The certificate of incorporation of American Shores Patrol was presented to me and having der of Odd Fellows, Free and Accepted Masons, Knights of Pythias, et al under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Virginia."

Granted also is the "right to own and control the sale of Paraphernalia, regalia, stationery, jewelry and other materials needed by the corporation and subordinate branches for proper conduct of their buiness."

Judge Signs Certificate

In addition, it is granted the right to "publish a fraternal magazine, newspaper and other literature and the right to buy, sell, and hold real estate and other been examined by me, I now certify that said certificate is, in my opinion, signed and acknowledged in accordance with law, and

"I have ascertained and certified hereon that the persons signing and acknowledging the foregoing certificate are of good moral character, suitable and proper persons to be incorporated for the purposes set forth therein."

Charter Granted in '44

The charter was granted Aug. 4, 1944, and the last report the group made to the Corporation Commission was September, 1945. Officers at that time were listed as:

J. L. Baskin, president; 4201 N. 25th St., Arlington, Va.; J. B. Dowden, secretary; B. A. Dove, chairman of board of directors, and R. W. Kinchelowe, treasurer, all listed at Box 1095, Arlington.

The officers and J. M. Reynolds, 304-6 Market St., Norfolk, constitute the board of directors. Baskin, president of the organization, is an attorney.

Examine Work of New Terrorist Gang in South

Police examine the damage done to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Goldsmith Sibley in Atlanta after members of the Columbians, a new hate group, had thrown a dynamite stick on the porch of the house. The resultant explosion shook the porch, tore out the side of the house and shattered most of the windows. Here Detectives A. W. Lyle, left, and Henley Wilber, seek clues leading to the perpetrators of the outrage.

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Atlanta Man Beaten; Residence Bombed

The Afro-American Baltimore, Md.

4 Arrested as Police Swarm Down on Columbians, Successor to Klan

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(Picture on Page Two)

ATLANTA—Resolved to outlaw the new secret society, the Columbians, which apparently was formed to take over the work of the Ku Klux Klan, Police Chief M. A. Hornsby on Nov. 4 turned over all records of the organization to the city attorney's office.

Moreover, he said that he would go before the City Council and request immediate passage of legislation to abolish the order if he finds that there are no laws providing for the dissolution of such groups.

Similar to the Nazi Storm Troopers' organization with its regalia insignia and form, Columbians raised its ugly head here last week with a series of vicious attacks on colored residents.

Incorporated under Georgia laws several months ago, the Columbians, according to Detective Superintendent E. I. Hildebrand, is one of four powerful movements, all linked under a common banner of white supremacy.

The others, he said, are in New York, Philadelphia, and Gary Ind.,

While it has been carrying on a campaign here, its activities did not become vicious until Oct. 26, when three white youths ganged up on Clifford Hines, 21, with a blackjack and a pistol.

Probe of Activities Ordered

Two days later, the home of Mrs. Minnie Sibley was rocked by a dynamite blast from a bomb, apparently thrown from an automobile.

Then on Nov. 2, about 50 members of the new hate group attempted to keep a colored family from moving into a home formerly occupied by whites but were prevented by the arrival of the police.

Four Held on Riot Charge

Sent to the scene on verbal orders of Chief Hornsby, Capt. W. M. Weaver and his crew placed four white men under arrest on charges of "inciting a riot."

Two of them, Homer L. Loomis Jr., 32, secretary, and R. J. Whitman, 33, were released under $5,000 bond, while the others, James M. Akins, 18, and Jack Price, 27, were held in default of bond.

Declaring that the city would not stand for such terrorism, Mayor William B. Hartsfield last week ordered a full probe into the activities of the group.

At the same time, denying the contention of members that their campaign is in self-defense, local police have intensified their vigilance in the west end of the city which has borne the brunt of the attacks.

Medal for Suspect

Meanwhile, it was learned, one of Hines's attackers, Ralph Childers, 17, the only one arrested, was given a medal at a meeting of the society on Oct. 31 by the president, Emory C. Burke.

Likened to a Nazi conclave, the meeting took place with brawny young men on patrol duty. In addition, the outfit's emblem, a "red flash" within a circle resembling a "squashed swastika, was hung between two American flags on the rostrum.

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Evidence of Attack

Hines told the officers he had been on McDaniel St. to borrow a radio and was on his way home when the attack occurred.

Patrolmen K. A. Wooster and J. T. Bowen said they found one of two white men holding Hines in the rear of an automobile and a third was on the running board of the car.

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Hines was sobbing hysterically and had a severe bruise on his forehead and other bruises on his body.

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Childers, according to one of the officers, confessed to being a member of the Columbians, and said he and two other Columbians, who evaded arrest, assaulted Hines after he had cursed them and drawn a knife.

Along with Childers, the police quoted Loomis, who was quoted as saying he was just out of the Army, and had come to hate colored people and Jews while he was visiting in New York.

Loomis, whose home is in Lawrenceville, Va., reportedly said he stationed Childers as a "guard" at the home of a white family where the attack on Hines occurred, and that Columbians had taken it upon themselves to patrol streets, check up and watch colored people.

Jews, Mrs. Roosevelt Hit

Extending their hatred, the Columbians at their meeting on Oct. 31 turned against the Jews after the president made an attack on Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, who, he said, "subjected the American people to the worst yoke of communism."

Taking over, Loomis expressed hatred of the Jews for their insistence on preserving "the Jewish tradition, the Jewish way of life and, worse of all, the Jewish blood line."

Unable to contain himself, one of approximately 250 uninvited Jewish war veterans jumped to his feet and shouted, "Half of what you've been saying is lies."

He was prevented from attack from the uniformed Columbian "Storm Troopers" by the intervention of his companions and Atlanta police. The meeting then was declared closed to all but members.

Living Today

The Advertiser

By ARLIE B. DAVIDSON

Montgomery, Ala.

THE DANGER OF HATE

The head of a new organization, the Columbians, now operating in Atlanta, Georgia, recently expressed himself in favor of exercising hate. It has been alleged that hate of certain groups in our population is a fundamental principle of the organization. In response to this accusation, the leader raised the question, "Why not? Such is permissible in a democracy."

To be sure, hate is permitted in a democratic form of government. In fact, no government can regulate entirely the feelings and the attitudes of its people, particularly with reference to holding to them without expressing them openly in the group. Even so, hate is a trait of personality or a characteristic of a people which usually does more harm than good. There may be good reason for not agreeing with some views and acts of other people, and you may be within your legal rights to take any sort of attitude toward them. But exercising a spirit of hate does not get the desired results.

If you hate a person, for example, you give way to your feelings, thereby satisfying an inner craving. But you still have to live with yourself. That means that as an individual you must take the consequences of your hating spirit. The fact is, when you hate you tend to disorganize yourself within. You not only think every sort of bad thing you would like to see come to the person hated, but you also find that you get nervous, torn to pieces inside, and your whole life becomes chaotic in its functioning. Hating is dangerous diet for your mind and emotions and digestion.

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Moreover, hating serves also to arouse a similar attitude in the one hated. This means that you must be more and more vigilant to avoid the expression of hatred in a serious manner by the other person. Hate always makes matters worse between individuals and between groups. That is a proved, an experienced truth.

You know these facts, but they are easily forgotten. Hate, by its very nature tears up, destroys. Only love can really unify life, both for you yourself, and the nation which you love.

Hallmarks

The Advertiser

Emory Burke, Jr., Columbian, Attended Lanier High School

By GROVER C. HALL, JR.

BARRING some unlikely error, Emory Burke, Jr., the leader of Atlanta's Columbians, Inc., is an alumnus of Lanier High School here. This is a youthful organization whose members wear insignias on army shirts and undertake to keep the Negro in what they regard as his place.

Time Magazine reports one of their rallies:

Montgomery, Ala.

"While a tinny phonograph blared martial music. Columbians stamped up and down, looking baleful and clenching raised fists. . . . President Burke, speaking with an affected English accent, presented a 'Medal of Honor' to 17-year-old James Childers, just released on bail for allegedly black-jacking a Negro."

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All of which sounds like a bund of squirt posturers.

At any rate, we looked at a picture in The Atlanta Journal of the stormers and were convinced that Burke attended Lanier with us. He is 31, getting a little bald and is a draftsman in Atlanta.

Our recollections of Classmate Burke are, we find, hard to pump to the surface. We have a vague memory of his being rather silent, and of brooding manner. However, this remembrance hangs on gossamer and is not conveyed as significant. We know a lot of silent, brooding people who disapprove of mistreating colored people.

Associated Press Wirephoto.

FOUR MEMBERS of Columbians, Inc., stand together in Atlanta's jail after their arrest. From left, Jack Price, 27; James Akins, 18; Homer L. Loomis, Jr., 32, and R. L. Whitman, 33.

Associated Press Wirephoto.

LIKE FATHER, LIKE DAUGHTER . . . R. L. Whitman, leader of Atlanta's Southside Columbians, holds his 16-month-old daughter, Marion Helen, who has a Columbians' shoulder patch on her playsuit, just before police arrest Whitman and three others for anti-Negro activity.

4 Columbians At Atlanta Jailed for Inciting Riot

Anti-Negro Group Accused of Hitlerism; Police Halt Demonstration Against Family

From Wire Dispatches.

Atlanta, Nov. 2.—Four members of Columbians, Inc., an anti-Negro and anti-Jewish secret order accused by police of trying to usurp their powers and by civic group spokesmen of being "Hitler-like," landed in jail today on charges of inciting a riot."

Police swooped down on a demonstration against a Negro family moving into a house formerly occupied by white tenants and jailed the four on on-the-scene orders of Chief M. A. Hornsby:

"Captain, do your duty—lock them up."

Charged With Inciting Riot.

The order was addressed to Capt. W. M. Weaver, who with other high-ranking officers had accompanied the chief to the dirt-road residential area where about 50 persons were carrying on the demonstration.

With little ado, the four were hustled by police car to headquarters, booked on the formal charge of "disorderly conduct—inciting a riot," and held in default of $5,000 bond each.

They were docketed as Homer L. Loomis, Jr., 32; James M. Akins, 18; Jack Price, 27, and R. L. Whitman, 33. All except Whitman, the police said, gave local headquarters of the order as their address.

Encountering the Columbians' leaders one after another, Chief Hornsby flatly accused them of "trying to stir up trouble" and ordered them jailed.

Loomis, local secretary of the order, arrived in the midst of the police activity. Hornsby turned to him and demanded:

"What are you doing out here?"

"I came to help the people," Loomis said.

"Lock him up," the chief ordered.

As Negroes and whites faced each other across the street, the police chief raised his voice and declared:

"I want to tell you once and for all, you Columbians, the Atlanta Police Department is policing this town."

This statement was in reference to reports that members of the order had openly boasted that they would "patrol the streets" and do "guard" duty in carrying out their charter-expressed goal of working for a "progressive white community."

The police acted after a clergyman and spokesmen of the local American Veterans Committee and the Georgia Association of Women Lawyers had censured acts attributed to the order as being "similar to the totalitarianism of Hitler." These spokesmen commended a police probe of the Columbians and urged that the order's charter be revoked.

At a meeting of the order Thursday night, Loomis openly asserted his "hate" of Negroes and Jews. Several Jewish veterans attended the meeting and detectives narrowly averted a clash between them and the Columbians.

Chief Hornsby said that, before today's crackdown, detectives had raided the order's headquarters and found a store of ammunition and two blackjacks. All is being held, he added, as evidence for presentation Friday at a hearing for the four arrested leaders.

Talmadge Asked For Help.

In an editorial today, The Atlanta Constitution called on Governor-nominate Eugene Talmadge for help in efforts to disband the Columbians, chartered last August 16 by Fulton County Superior Court as a political, benevolent, charitable order.

The Constitution said: "The Columbians are boasting that they will have his (Talmadge's) protection. Governor Talmadge is not anti-Jewish or anti-Catholic."

Talmadge, recovering in a local hospital from a serious stomach ailment, said, "I am not Governor yet, so I have nothing to say."

Assistant Attorney General Daniel Duke charged that "Talmadge and the Ku Klux Klan are the hens that hatched this new biddy, the Columbians."

He said he was ready to file suit to revoke the charter upon receipt of an order from Governor Ellis Arnall, absent from the state.

Duke said the Superior Court which granted the charter could not revoke it, but he suggested that the Fulton County Grand Jury should "find out about the cache of weapons the Columbians have and take action."

"Children of Klansmen."

The youthful State Law Department aide, assigned to the State's suit to revoke the Klan charter, said members of the Columbians "are mostly the juvenile delinquents of the Klan—I mean children of Klansmen who make them delinquent by teaching them race and religious hatred."

Duke said several of his investigators, including one woman, joined the Columbians to gain information. He added that members of the order barked "Heil Columbian" upon meeting in the hall.

Says Policeman Is Klansman.

He criticized the police for not acting earlier, adding:

"If the Atlanta police really want to investigate secret societies, they could do some investigating right in their own department."

There, he charged, they would find that one of their own patrolmen is head of a local Klan unit.

The insigne of the Columbians is a red streak of lightning which The Atlanta Constitution said resembled "a squashed swastika."

Attorney General Lauds Fast Action By Atlanta Mayor

WASHINGTON — (NNPA) — Atty. Gen. Tom C. Clark this week praised Mayor W. B. Hartsfield and his Atlanta, Ga. administration for taking drastic action against the Columbians, Inc., recently emerged hate group directing its activities toward Negroes and Jews.

Clark's commendation is an immediate response to a letter received from Hartsfield, in which the Atlanta mayor declared his administration believes in protecting all of the people from lawless groups.

"Such community action, in cooperation with the efforts of the federal government to stamp out this un-American activity, would soon result in the end of these movements," declared Clarke.

3 Columbians Indicted By Georgia Grand Jury

Atlanta, Nov. 18 (AP)—Three brown-shirted Columbians—two self-styled leaders of the anti-Semitic, anti-Negro group and a swaggering youth with a medal for "bravery" in a street brawl—were indicted today by a Fulton County grand jury.

On one of these occasions, the indictment said, Columbians armed with deadly weapons unofficial absent of participating in an armed attack on a Negro July 25. Burke members of the organization beloomis, Jr., was in Tulsa, Okla., soliciting sault on a woman in a Negro section of Atlanta.

Solicitor-General E. E. Andrews, who summoned nearly 70 dertook investigation of an as-

Warrants were issued immediately for Homer L. Loomis, secretary and organizer of the avowed "hate" order; E. Burke, president—both accused of usurping police functions, and 17-year-old James Ralph Childers, and Loomis are charged with engaging in riot having on five occasions patroled City streets and undertaken police functions in "arresting" and questioning persons allegedly disturbing the peace.

Loomis was reported absent at $1,000 bond was set at $5,000 on misdemeanor counts against Loomis and Burke, and at $ for a single count against Childers.

Columbians Patrol Streets, Probe Shows

Atlanta, October 30, 1946

Self-Appointed to 'Arrest' Loitering Negroes, Say Police Investigating Blackjacking Case

The Columbians, a recently organized group of militant pro-whites, have taken upon themselves to patrol certain sections of Atlanta, to "guard" certain white-occupied houses and to "arrest and hold for police" any Negroes found loitering in white sections, it was revealed Wednesday as Mayor Hartsfield ordered an exhaustive probe of all recent disturbances between whites and Negroes.

These activities of the "redflash" order were told by Detective Superintendent E. I. Hilderbrand after questioning Homer L. Loomis, identified as secretary and organizer of the Columbians, in connection with the Monday night blackjacking of a Negro on Formwalt Street by a group of white men.

The detective chief, seeking a tie between the clubbing and the Columbians' campaign, said Loomis flatly denied that he had ordered the Monday night beating, but admitted he had instructed James R. Childers, 17-year-old professed member, to "guard a house" near the scene of the incident.

White occupants of the house, Mr. Hilderbrand quoted Loomis as saying, he had "threatened by Negroes and had asked the Columbians for protection" instead of coming to the police.

Childers was arrested on disorderly conduct charges when officers found the victim, Clifford Hines, battered and crying, in an automobile occupied by the youth and several other white men. He claimed Hines had advanced on him and his companions with a knife and that they only defended themselves.

Investigating police, however, reported that a number of women in the neighborhood corroborated Hines' story that he was attacked by the white men without provocation as he walked down the street.

The official report, signed by Patrolmen K. A. Wooster and J. T. Bowen, set forth that Hines said he was beset as he reached the mouth of an alley on Formwalt Street by three men, who knocked him to the ground, beat him and took a dollar and a pack of cigarets from him, then put him in the car with them.

Childers' companions were not held by police. They said he was arrested after the victim pointed him out as "the man who had the gun" and after they saw him rip shoulder insignia of the Columbians and stuff it into his pocket.

Both Childers and Hines were booked on technical charges of disorderly conduct and were released on $500 and $100 bonds, respectively, pending trial Wednesday in Recorder's Court.

Columbian Meet Bombed

By United Press

ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 15.—A tear gas bomb thrown through a window in the Columbian Party hall in downtown Atlanta tonight temporarily broke up the meeting of the new anti-Negro, anti-Jew society.

(The only witnesses quoted in first reports were Columbians.)

Reporter Says Leader of Columbians Told of Plans to 'Control Government'

The Courier-Journal Louisville, Ky.
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Watched Chief Give Orders

Atlanta, Nov. 2 (AP)—In a copyright article, Tom Ham, Atlanta Journal reporter, today described how he sat for two hours in the headquarters of Columbians, Inc., and watched the "khaki-shirted order click" while its leader traced ambitious goals, to be climaxed by "control of the Government."

The leader of the order, Ham said, is Homer L. Loomis, Jr.

All the time he talked, the reporter said, Loomis was directing by telephone an anti-Negro demonstration that landed Loomis and three of his lieutenants in jail on charges of "inciting a riot."

'Don't Budge,' Aides Told.

The demonstration was against a Negro family moving into a house formerly tenanted by whites—a key point in an anti-Negro, anti-Jew, anti-Communist, anti-"rich who oppress the masses" program Loomis outlined to the reporter.

"Just stand around," Ham quoted Loomis as telling his aides. "Don't budge. If the Negro tries to move in, just stand there on the doorstep and don't give ground. But if the police order you directly to let them move in, let them. That will put the burden on the police."

Ham described the Columbian's leader as "tense, high-strung," using good English and displaying "oratorical talent." He sat, the reporter said, at a desk in a dingy office, a purple curtain behind him emblagoned with the "red-flash" emblem of the order.

'Going to Show Them.'

"We're political," Ham quoted Loomis as saying. "We're going to show them (the Anglo Saxons) how to take control of the Government—first, a neighborhood, then the whole city, then the State Government, and finally the national Government."

Ham's story continued:

"Sure, I'll show you how we work," he (Loomis) said, and reached in his desk for a black map of the city. On it numerous houses were circled, and there was a red line drawn across it. In a manner of a general, Loomis spread the map and explained:

"Here on Ashby Street, the Negroes are driving a wedge toward Bankhead Avenue. And here on Chestnut they're getting another wedge started. Objective of the enemy here is to cut off this Western Heights section—and make it an 'island' of whites surrounded by Negroes. Then they want to keep moving on in."

Denies Terroristic Tactics.

"Our mission," he said gravely, "is to cut off these wedges. We've drawn the color line here." He indicate dthe red line. "That's the line we're going to hold. We've put up posters saying it's 'zoned as a white community.' We're calling on the Negroes, too, explaining that they're not wanted there."

He denied his order was using terroristic tactics, but said the action taken was principally to buy back property "sold by greedy, indiscriminate real-estate operators," and arranging for its purchase by whites.

"We have a list of white people who want homes. We arrange swap deals, too, where a Negro has bought a white house and a white person finds himself closed in by Negroes in a section we have abandoned to the blacks."

Tells of Organization.

As to organization, "We have block leaders, section leaders, community leaders, in the areas we are working on. We're organized to the last degree, and can shoot a squad out anywhere as soon as we get a call from one of our agents."

Are the Columbians still patrolling the streets?

"You bet we are! Any citizen has a right to make an arrest. The law will show you that. We're going to keep at it. They're not going to stop us."

That was before the police acted.

Loomis told police he was born in Brunswick, County, Va., but had spent most of his life in New York City.

MISERIES OF HATE

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2 Columbians Kicked Down Flight of Stairs

The anti-Jew, anti-Negro Columbians have rounded out a bad week in Atlanta, with two of the organization's leaders facing possible indictment by the Fulton County Grand Jury and two others sporting the "resh flash" emblem

Fulton Sol. Gen. E. E. (Shorty) Andrews subpoenaed dozens of the khaki-shirted Columbians, along with a number of other witnesses, before the Grand Jury Friday. The witnesses were called to appear against Emory Burke, President, and Homer L. Loomis, Secretary, of the order.

The night before, someone tossed a tear gas bomb through a second-story window at 198½ Whitehall St., S. W., and broke up a Columbian rally, which was developing into a pep talk for members before scheduled court and grand jury action. Burke was in the midst of heated oratory when the missile crashed through the window, sending the Columbians red-eyed and half-blinded into the streets.

Loomis missed the show. Burke announced at the beginning of the meeting Thursday night that Loomis was "out of town on business, but he's here in spirit." Burke did not explain the nature of Loomis' business trip.

Burke lost another round by appearing outside the Grand Jury room and making the unprecedented request that the Grand Jury action be postponed "until my lawyer can get here." Attendants patiently explained defense attorneys are not allowed in the jury room anyway, so their taking their meals off the mantle presence would do no good.

The Columbians' only bright spot during the week was the granting by Fulton Superior Court of a 10-day stay in the quo warranto proceedings brought by the State in an effort to revoke the order's charter. Burke appeared in court himself to request the stay, although he admitted on leaving the courtroom: "I'm not sure we will attempt to defend the charter."

To add to the Columbians' miseries of the week, the Plumbers' and Steam Fitters' Local No. 72 (AFL) decided the boisterous group could no longer use the hall at 198½ Whitehall St. as a public meeting place. The union men took their stand following the bombing episode Thursday night.

And—to cap the climax—at least two youngsters wearing the "red flash" were booted down the stairs at 198½ Whitehall St. by the irate plumbers and steam fitters shortly before midnight Friday.

Police Lt. James F. Brown gave the following account of the episode:

The Executive Board of the Union was meeting in the hall, when they noticed several youths peeping in at the windows. An investigation revealed the prowlers wore an insignia resembling that of the Columbians.

"What are you doing here?" a Union man demanded.

"We're trying to find out who threw that bomb Thursday night," replied an intruder.

Several more words passed between the groups, Brown said, and then one of the youngsters took a swing at a plumber. Then the "super men" picked themselves up at the bottom of the stairway and "advanced" rapidly away into the darkness.

Brown quoted the Union men as saying they did not recognize the intruders and they did not wish to prosecute them.

"We are satisfied," the Union men said.

Ga. to Fight Hate Group's Attempt to Run Atlanta

The Afro-American Baltimore, Md.
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ATLANTA (NNPA)—Solicitor General E. E. Andrews, Nov. 15, indicated that he would ask a special grand jury to indict leaders of the Columbians, Inc., recently formed organization based on race and religious hatred of colored people and Jews.

"Our investigation shows these fellows are patrolling streets, making investigations and having people call them instead of the police," he declared, adding, "We're just not going to have that sort of thing."

Fascist Coupe Feared

He expressed belief that, Homer L. Loomis Jr., kingpin of the three-month-old race and religious hatred fomenting society, "wants to get strong enough to take over" in Atlanta and Fulton County, where more than half a million people live.

Andrews did not name the Columbian leaders he would seek to indict. He did not subpoena either Loomis or Columbian President Emory Burke as witnesses. Other brown-shirted members of

the order faced the grand jury for questioning, however.

Indictments will be sought under a Georgia law making usurpation of police authority, or attempted usurpation, a misdemeanor punishable by 12 month's imprisonment.

As the Columbians became more involved in their fight with forces of law and order, Emory Burke, president of the society, changed his mind about allowing their corporate charter to be revoked by default.

Burke defiantly ripped the petition for revocation to shreds for publicity purposes after Governor Ellis Arnall announced revocation proceedings would start in the courts.

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When the time came to hear the State's petition in court last Friday, however, Burke requested and received 10 days' grace on the action.

Baltimore, Md.

Ordered Before Jury

The brown-shirted Burke, identified by a shoulder patch of red lightning on a white background, was one of about 40 Columbians ordered before the grand jury during the hearing.

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John Zimmerlee of Nashville, a student veteran at Georgia Tech and one of the society's three incorporators, was another. Zimmerlee was a first lieutenant in the Army Air Forces during the war.

Rioter Threatens Editor

Ralph Childers, under indictment for inciting to riot, and another youthful Columbian, on Nov. 14, publicly acknowledged visiting Ralph McGill, editor of the Atlanta Constitution, to protest "lies."

McGill said he was threatened with violence unless he desisted in criticism. Childers boldly wore a Columbia medal awarded him after he was accused of complicity in beating a colored youth.

Communist Scare Raised ....

Members said they still had no clue to the identity of persons who on Nov. 14 tossed a tear-gas bomb into the Columbians' meeting hall, but declared darkly: "It was someone hired by the Jews."

On the night the incident happened, Burke blamed "Communists."

RALPH McGILL

The Constitution

A Comparison

Atlanta, Ga.

In Americans

Thurs. 11-14-46

Among my visitors on yesterday were these three:

A young soldier just out of the hospital who had lost a leg, an arm and one eye when a German explosive shell burst in his bomber on which he was serving as a waist gunner.

And two shabby, rather pathetic, but very arrogant Columbians who belligerantly threatened to "fix me" if any more criticism was made of their Nazi order, including its rapists, its perverted and its poor, deluded suckers who pay over their hard-earned $3 for membership and another $2 for a pin.

The $2, incidentally, goes to a jeweler of German ancestry who was put away by the FBI during the war because of his alleged Nazi connections. That he should be the one selling the pins is perhaps significant. A brochure is being prepared on him.

The two shabby, illiterate young toughs tried very hard to glare and look hard. They appeared to be tough enough to take part in a night assault on an unsuspecting citizen, and they threatened me, with orders that no more criticism of their order be made.

I could not help but think that I had just talked to a young man who had lost a leg, an arm and one eye in the defense of his country against a Nazi Germany which these young men now so admire.

He had learned to handle his artificial leg and arm. He was ready to go back to school. He was passionately interested in being a part of every effort to bring about in our country a full acceptance of tolerance and social justice.

There was no bitterness in him, but only a great and warm feeling for life and the opportunity for all to participate in it in a wholesome and natural and dignified manner, seeking to make it a better place.

Threats I suppose I should have pressed a buzzer and summoned police for the two young toughs who came in to threaten reprisals if there was any more criticism.

Yet I really felt a genuine sympathy for them.

Neither one could speak his own language save in a semi-illiterate and ungrammatical manner.

This I did not hold against them. It was not entirely their fault, I am sure.

They were about 19, just the age of the young soldier now out of a hospital and in civilian life.

I would imagine their home lives had been meager and lacking in any comforts or incentive to be other than what they are. They hate their country and its people.

They were just illiterate and uninformed enough to be taken in by smart operators who prey on suckers. These operators, revealed here yesterday and days before as having left the once-rich fields in New York where before the war they were in the Nazi German Bunds and other hate organizations, the Silver Shirts included, have come South to pick up the hard-earned dollars of the poor persons they can embitter and delude with lies and emotional appeals.

Hitler learned that a uniform and a fancy swastika would set his young followers dancing with joy.

Compare These young men were shabby and pathetic in their old brown shirts and the insignia on their shoulder. It was impossible not to compare them, in their folly; in their ridiculous and studied effort to look tough and mighty like the young Nazi toughs we saw when Hitler was at his peak, with the young American soldier who had preceded them.

I felt that I, somehow, had failed the young Columbians, who have paid $3 for the privilege of hating—whose leaders have been revealed as wanted on charge of rape, as being deserters of wife and children, and of being associated with the Nazi organizations in New York when the sucker money was good up there. I, and others in America, have failed in some degree so long as social bitterness lies like a dark, stagnant lake in every city, breeding evil and ugly things from its rank waters. The young soldier and they had been born in America—to one it was a great and fine thing for which he would lay down his life. To the others it was hatred and fear and bitterness.

How can we make real Americans of them?

How can we prevent them from falling into the hands of the smart promoters who sell them memberships and cheap silver emblems?

They are a part of us—they are the sores and eruptions on the body of American life.

When they threatened too much I ordered them out.

They turned at the door for one of those Hitler stares.

As they went I kept thinking of their unhappy young lives and of their poor, ugly and twisted minds and wondered why the hand of the potter shook.

Spotlight on Dixie's Cops

The Afro-American Baltimore, Md.

The arrest in Atlanta last week of four members of Columbians, Inc., faint carbon copy of Hitler's Brown Shirts, should be followed by vigorous prosecution.

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The men, leaders of a group of demonstrators against a colored family's moving into a home formerly occupied by whites, were jailed upon orders from Police Chief M. A. Hornsby and held in default of $5,000 bond each.

Declared by Dan Duke, Georgia's assistant State's attorney general, to be "one and the same thing" with the Ku Klux Klan, this hate-preaching, anti-colored secret order must be nipped in the bud before it becomes a real menace and spreads to other sections. Once it becomes clearly established that lawlessness is not to be tolerated, these "anti-everything" groups usually peter out.

On the other hand, until police departments in the South do a little house cleaning on their own hook and purge themselves of officers who hold membership, and even office, in some of these hate-nourished orders, there can be little hope of a complete clean-up.

The police departments of many Southern cities are riddled with members of such groups. No less a person than U.S. Attorney General Tom Clark has repeated upon occasion that the hands of the federal government are tied in many instances involving mistreatment of minorities. State and local police authorities, he declares, must be looked to for prosecution.

Chief Hornsby has taken a forward step. He will make us all feel better, however, if he does a little house cleaning in his own department.

Action in Georgia

Daily Worker New York, N.Y.

GEORGIA'S attorney-general, Eugene Cook, has called for swift criminal prosecution in checking the activities of a new version of the notorious Ku Klux Klan, the Columbians, Inc., in Atlanta.

Wed. 11-6-46

Evidently realizing that the KKK name is a handicap to their aim of spreading terror among Negroes, Jews and Catholics, the organizers of Columbians, Inc,, have used another label.

If they have picked Georgia in which to get started, it is undoubtedly because they expect the benevolent protection of Eugene Talmadge in January.

Gov. Arnall has ordered that the charter be revoked and the outfit banned. But it is necessary to go further.

It is essential that all those associated with the organization's attacks on Negroes be given the maximum punishment of which the law is capable.

Before he goes out of office, Gov. Arnall should see to it that Talmadge's friends who were responsible for the killing of the two Negro couples near Monroe, Ga., last summer are arrested and given the full measure of punishment for their crime.

Only if that is done can these fascist white supremacy gangs be checked. EXPOSE AUTHOR ALSO ON INSIDE 12

Agent and Girl Spy Join Columbian Inner Circle

The Constitution Atlanta, Ga. 12-1-46

Recommended by a person now under indictment for sedition, a New York undercover agent was welcomed into the inner circle of the Columbians here, he told State and local officers yesterday.

From his vantage point, this Anti-Nazi League operator for the was able to place in the Columbians Never suspecting Columbians recommended her as a "disciple" to tographed him and since books branch in Indiana, she said. to help organize a have mentioned him, he is no long- er useful as a secret operative, he said.

And an author who exposed said. Miss Renee Forest, serving hate organizations in the South as a secretary, was able to obtain mingled freely with Columbians for law enforcement officials recas a "fellow member" and carried his findings to the State Attorney General's office.

The author joining in the probe

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Columbian, Inc. (Georgia)

PESTBROOK WIGLER, ROVING REPORTER

"Naw—we can't take your friend Olson in — we're going to start hating Swedes next week."

RALPH McGILL

Constitution

A Failure

Atlanta, Ga.

And the Blame

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It is distasteful to Georgians, of course, to have the Columbians, a hate organization, locate in the State.

It is unpleasant to have the State publicized as the roosting place for such carrion birds. There are many who ask plaintively why the newspapers feel they must publish anything at all about them.

"Just ignore them," said a charming lady who telephoned in great distress. "The better people, the worth-while people, won't be influenced by them," she said.

This is but slightly plausible.

It was by no means the "best" people who joined with Hitler. And while this organization is no more to be compared with Hitler's crowd than one compares the illuminated end of a lightning bug with a kleig light, the idea is the same. The so-called "best" people of Germany joined up with the Hitler gang only after he had grown in strength and they feared him. This little gang of crackpots, mentally sick and sex-perverted yappers in Atlanta can not get far for the simple reason they are not smart enough and there is not field enough for them in which to work.

But, Georgia must examine itself and ask, "Why do these things always come to roost in Georgia?"

And the inevitable answer is that they believe they can succeed.

Therein have we all failed and therein are we all to blame.

Members Their audiences are almost entirely good, plain persons of little or no education, of little working skills therefore in a very low-income group.

The spellbinders, their fingers itching to get those $3 initiation fees, talk to them with a certain logic, about as follows:

"Gov. Arnall talks about freight rates. Gov. Talmadge is always talking about the farmers. Mayor Hartsfield is interested in streets and airports.

"You are interested in bread and meat and a living wage. That's what we are going to do for you."

That is the line—not merely of the Columbians, but of all such organizations who seek to create mass discontent.

They talk to people whose lives are rather dreary at best. They work on people in the poorest, most squalid slum areas and, to a person perhaps unable to read or write, or to one with no more than a third or fourth-grade education, knowing no trade or skill, the appeal has logic. No person ever likes to admit his own failure and this technique explains satisfactorily to a failure, why he or she is a failure. It removes any personal responsibility. It places the blame on someone else.

Some of the blame, assuredly, should be placed on our whole society. We have gone along, and we go along, with a large number of people whose preparation for being a first-rate citizen is inadequate. They are to be found in every city and community and as long as we do not do a better job they will provide material for the promoters of hates and prejudices who make a good thing financially for themselves out of the discontent of others.

Personalities It is interesting to note the leaders of such groups. One has been revealed as having deserted a second wife and two children. A first wife left him after a few hours of marriage. His aberrations fit into the Nazi pattern of the Hitler group of queers.

Another is being held on a charge of criminally assaulting a young girl, and of having mistreated his own wife.

The headquarters is frequented by sexually delinquent young girls.

All that fits into the pattern of the Hitler group. It is odd how the same type mind in any country reacts alike.

Nazi The new fuehrer of the group, Emory Burke, Jr., is an old hand at being a Nazi. If you had a son or husband who fought in the recent war, you will be interested to know that Burke, like some of the others, has set up here after working in other and similar gangs elsewhere.

Burke was in one of the German organizations in New York which worked to create disunion in this country and which sought to give Germany a victory. He was a great admirer of Hitler, made speeches and wrote articles for a Nazi newspaper published by the Bundists in New York. A native of Alabama, his schoolmates there recall him as a moody eccentric who liked being a martyr.

He openly expressed the wish, in speeches and in writing, that Hitler win the war and that the Nazi aims be adopted in this country.

The pitiful fact is that the poor persons who hear him and others rarely know these things and are assured they are lies if questions are asked. The persons in the audience are worked up to a pitch because some poor, homeless Negro has been rented a house in a neighborhood in the process of change. They never seem to realize that the white owner or dealer is the responsible person. We fail again by not having a conference of real estate dealers and of responsible Negro and white citizens and working out some plan. We leave this weapon in the hands of the schemers.

Part of the blame is ours.

Duke Asks For Jury Justice; Says Columbian Earned Bop

The Advertiser

Montgomery, Ala. Sat. 12-7-46

ATLANTA, Dec. 6—(AP)—Assistant State Attorney General Dan Duke admitted in civil court today that he assaulted Columbian President Emory Burke in a judge's chambers but had his case transferred to criminal court where a jury can "determine whether I was justified."

Duke explained he was waiving commitment "so that I may lay before a jury of my fellowmen all the facts pertaining to the insult and also the libelous writings and slanderous remarks made by him (Burke) concerning me and others."

Civil Court Judge Quincy O. Arnold, before whom the assault and battery charges were brought by Burke, is barred under State legal procedure from ruling on any question of justification. He promptly granted Duke's request for transfer to a criminal court jury trial and fixed bond at $50 which he permitted the State official to make with his own signature.

The husky Duke knocked the 120-pound Burke to the floor in Superior Court Judge E. E. Pomeroy's chambers Nov. 23, after the judge granted postponement of the State's suit to revoke the charter of the Negro-hating, Anti-Jewish Organization.' Duke said then that he had "taken all I can" from Burke who had been "abusing" him with insults.

Burke said two stitches were necessary to close the gash over his eye and reiterated to newsmen today that he planned a civil suit for damages.

Speaking in a firm voice that echoed through the courtroom, Duke read to Judge Arnold a 250-word statement requesting the case's transfer. He also lashed out at the Columbians whose "organization had collapsed" and said he hoped Burke and Secretary Homer Loomis would be brought to trial soon on indictments charging them with usurping police powers in picketing a Negro family which moved into a white settlement.

Duke Says "Men Of Iron" Need For Hate Mongers

Daily World Atlanta, Ga.

Mars. 12-5-46

GRIFFIN, Ga. — (SNS) — Georgia needs "men of iron" to combat "hate mongering," Assistant State Attorney General Dan Duke declared Wednesday in a speech prepared for delivering before the Griffin Kiwanis Club.

The young crusader against the Ku Klux Klan and Columbians Inc., said that manifestations of these organizations "are only the pus oozing out of the social sore" and the cause must be removed to bring about a cure.

Duke said the reason such hate organizations flourished more in Georgia and the South than elsewhere was that, in effect, the South is held in economic servitude by monopolistic powers of the East and North. He listed as contributing causes Georgia's one-crop and one party systems. Duke continued.

MAKE PLANS NOW

"It may be necessary in the final anaylsis to attack these two problems on a regional basis rather than on a state basis, and now is the time for us to make plans. The time has arrived when we should organize on the ground level in each village and hamlet in Georgia an active progressive movement that will defy any demagogue who is being used by our modern Quislings to keep us tied to our colonial system of economics. We will have to develop the leadership for this movement in our own state."

"Pull" from high places was given as one reason for the growth of the Klan and the Columbians. Duke asserted that when he prepared to take up his fight against the hate orders he was warned 'not to scratch too deep—be careful—don't ruin your political oportunities, etc."

HATE FLIRTERS SEEN

The official said that instead of needing this warning, he 'immediately pulled the curtain way back and I saw something I should not have seen—I saw some so-called [illegible] respectable people flirting with the [illegible] troups that are preaching intolerance and hatred."

Mr. Duke said there would be no let up in his fight because he knew the solid Christian people of Georgia will know how to handle

The News Birmingham, Ala. Thurs. 12-12-46

INVESTIGATOR OF COLUMBIANS—Renee Forrest, of New York, looks at a copy of The Thunderbolt, propaganda magazine of Columbians, Inc., in the office of Georgia's Atty Gen. Eugene Cook, at Atlanta, after participating in an under-cover investigation of the anti-Negro, anti-Jewish organization. Cook said Miss Forrest, investigator for the Anti-Nazi League, became a "secretary" in headquarters of the Columbians, and obtained much information about their activities. (Associated Press photo.)

Brooklyn Blonde Helps To Get Goods On Columbians, Inc.

The News Birmingham, Ala.
Thurs. 12-12-46

BY PAUL PHELAN

NEW YORK, Dec. 12—(NANA)—It could not have been a very comfortable feeling for a little Brooklyn blonde to be spying on these Columbians and then have them tell her that if they ever found a traitor in their midst, they would give him "what he deserves." Marid Buzzi, investigator for the Nonsectarian Anti-Nazi League, said today as he discussed the part that Miss Renee Forrest played in helping him unearth evidence against the Georgia organization.

(An immediate Grand Jury investigation of Columbians, Inc., which is asserted to have planned seizure of power in this country, was set to start in Atlanta next Monday on the basis of evidence unearthed by Buzzi and Miss Forrest.)

Interviewed today at the league's New York offices, Buzzi said he had just returned from Atlanta where he and Miss Forrest—who really is 24-year-old Miss Renee Fruchtbaum—uncovered evidence and obtained the signed confessions of two young members of the Columbians alleging that the group had planned to seize control of the government and suppress Jews, Negroes and other racial minorities in the United States.

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MISS FRUCHTBAUM STILL is In Atlanta.

"Three young Atlanta Italians kept constant watch on the Columbian headquarters and were well prepared to make sure nothing happened to Miss Fruchtbaum," Buzzi said. "Her office was on the first floor and we told her always to keep a drinking glass on her desk and to throw it through the window if any danger arose."

The Columbians were very polite to Miss Fruchtbaum, Buzzi declared, as well as to a number of Southern girls who worked in the office.

"Homer Loomis, the organization's secretary, was the one really in charge, and he had a very strict moral code. The girls were not permitted to drink or smoke and had to be in bed by 10:30 every night," Buzzi said. "Miss Fruchtbaum got along well with members of the organization and they liked hed, but they never dated her. . . . She worked as a secretary and, every chance she got, she would write down in shorthand what the members were saying, whether they were talking on the phone or in the office."

Buzzi expressed admiration for the courage of the little girl who is only 5 feet 3 inches tall and weighs 110 pounds.

"She was never frightened and worked with coolness," he said. "Of course we had planned the whole thing very carefully, and she knew that every precaution had been taken for her safety. She's a wonderful girl. She could work somewhere else for three times what she gets working for the league, but she works for the cause.

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BUZZI SAID THAT members of the group did not suspect either him or Miss Fruchtbaum except once near the close of the investigation when one of the group met Buzzi near the office of the assistant attorney general, Daniel Duke. Even then nothing was said.

Buzzi said that, as head of the investigation department of the Nonsectarian League, he first went to Atlanta about three months ago.

"I went down there and posed as a pro-Fascist, which was easy because of my name," Buzzi said.

After a while he was permitted to join and became very friendly with Ralph Childers and Lanier Waller, the Columbians who later signed confessions.

"They told me that they would like to get some pretty girls associated with the organization in order to attract the veterans and make them join," Buzzi said. As a result, he said, he came back to New York and got Miss Fruchtbaum to go down with him.

(The voluminous record against Columbians, Inc., now is in the hands of Gov. Ellis Arnall of Georgia.)

They'll Do It Again

To the Editor: PM New York, N.Y.

The recent expose of the Columbians leaves out the main thing—who financed them?

Who supports Homer Loomis, Emory Burke, etc? Who pays for their uniforms, guns, publications, railroad fare, airplane fare, meeting halls? Obviously the $3 initiation fees from a few hundred members won't go very far.

When Loomis was first arrested he flew to New York to get additional money from New York friends. The accessory before the fact in any murder is as guilty as the murderer. Who are the financial accessories of the Columbians? Unless they are exposed and punished, they will continue to finance similar activities. Tues 12-17-46

New York. NORMAN BURNSIDE

Columbians Face Anti-U. S. Charge

The Courier-Journal
Louisville, Ky.

Girl Helps Uncover Plan to Kill All Jews and Negroes and Grab Power

Wed. 12-11-46

From Wire Dispatches.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 10.—Georgia today charged that Columbians, Inc., is a vicious, Nazi-type movement plotting to seize the U. S. Government.

Prosecution of the leaders appeared certain.

Renee Forrest, 24, New York, and other secret agents of the nonsectarian Anti-Nazi League, cajoled two Columbians into making confessions which revealed that the group planned to seize power and kill all Jews, Negroes, and members of other racial minorities.

Fantastic Plot Bared.

The confessions were turned over to Attorney General Eugene Cook who published them today by reporting them to Governor Ellis Arnall.

The confessions were made by Ralph Childers, 18, and Lanier Waller, 21. They told of a fantastic plot by the Columbians to ultimately take power and make the United States a totalitarian state.

Their program envisaged smuggling arms from occupied Germany, and the Columbian president, Emory Burke, had letters from Germany, according to the statements of the two youths.

Jury Action Friday Asked.

Solicitor Gen. E. E. "Shorty" Andrews of the Fulton (Atlanta) County Superior Court, announced after conferring with State authorities that he would ask the grand jury now in session to drop all other matters and investigate the Columbians Friday.

Andrews planned to seek indictments against the Columbian leaders for illegal possession of dynamite and an indictment against Burke and Homer L. Loomis, Jr., Columbian secretary, for inciting to riot. They already are under indictment for usurping police authority.

Three more Columbians, whose names were withheld, approached authorities tonight with offers to turn State's evidence and it appeared there would be others willing now to "tell all."

Prof. James H. Sheldon of the Anti-Nazi League, who was here for the announcement of the confessions, said his investigation started three months ago and was climaxed last month when Miss Forrest and Mario Buzzi, a naturalized Italian, came here to win the Columbians' confidence.

Pose As Fascists.

They got into the organization by posing as Fascists, and soon discovered that Childers and Waller were not too ardent.

Miss Forrest worked as the Columbians' secretary and took microscopic photographs of documents and letters with an ingenious fountain-pen camera. Her evidence will be turned over to the grand jury.

After working at the Columbian office one week, she and Buzzi revealed their purpose to Childers and Waller and persuaded the youths to go to New York with them and confess to Sheldon.

Childers, who wore the Columbians' "badge of honor" for allegedly taking part in the flogging of a Negro, said Burke told him the Columbians were using hatred of Negroes to gain the sympathy of white people. Loomis told him, he said, that they had enough guns and ammunition to blow up all the Negroes in Atlanta. Loomis showed him letters from occupied Germany about plans to smuggle arms to the South by way of New York and hinted that some weapons already had been received.

Childers said that after running all the Negroes out of Georgia, the group planned to organize in other states "and keep going like that, and finally take over."

Cook said the Columbians "have a definitely laid plan to establish colonies in both Indiana and Oklahoma at this time."

The Courier-Journal
Would Shoot Negroes and Jews.

"Of course," Childers quoted the Columbian leader, "the Negroes and Jews would just have to be shot at," and the Columbians would become "dictators of the United States."

The Chinese and other minorities would followin the line of extermination and "people who were Columbians who didn't want to go under our rules would naturally be shot, but," Childers said he was told. Louisville, Ky.

Burke, the confession said

Would-Be Nazis

The Constitution
Atlanta, Ga.

conquer—suppress the minorities first." Mr. Drake hits at "Yankees." Editor Constitution: Certainly Mr. Drake is right in his attitude toward the Columbians. This is no time for division. No time for Yankees, no time for "Southerners," no time for "Westerners." Sun. 12-1-46

Hill, Tenn., writing in The Constitution of Nov. 21, is right in his at- own affairs."

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Burke could not be reached for comment, but Loomis said the

scribing themselves as "former mer New Yorkers, claim a Co- lumbian membership of 5,400 but investigators say the correct fig- ure was nearer 500.

Loomis and Burke, both for- mer suckers," were at the attorney general's office to bolster their a statement of sworn statements to the league. Childers said that when his membership into the Columbians was solicited he was asked three ques-

talked of hanging Ralph McGill editor of the Atlanta Constitution, Representative Helen Douglas Mankin (D., Ga.) and Dan Duke assistant prosecutor in Cook's office. All are active against the Columbians.

"a pack of lies." He said he then Loomis, located at Columbian khaki Columbian headquarters, said "I am surprised at the charges." Waller told de- scribing mite to bomb the Sheldon said the dynamite and explosive been seized newsmen.

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Atlanta, Ga.

PAUL HARDING.

Nor am I a "Yankee." I was born right here in Atlanta. The Columbians are using the Hitler tactic of "divide and

Columbians, Inc. (Georgia)

Case History of a Columbian — How Social Neglect Aids Fascism

PM New York, N.Y. Fri. 12-13-46

Lanier Waller, 21, one of the two Columbian youths who will testify to the subversive activities and goals of the Nazi-like order at a Grand Jury hearing today, is a handsomely sharp-featured, tensed-up youth whose soft grayish eyes have a habit of reflecting in lightning changes, a hunted, suspicious, or hostile look. He strikes one as a young man who has taken a terrific emotional beating in life and bears a perpetual peeve against the world.

Albert Deutsch

When I last talked to him in the Atlanta hotel room where he had been secreted as a State's witness awaiting the Grand Jury hearing on the Columbian order, he was especially bitter about the way newspapers had handled his part and that of his younger companion, James Ralph Childers, in sewing up the case against the Columbian imitators of Hitler's Storm Troops.

"Them papers make Ralph and me look like squealers and stool-pigeons. That ain't fair. We changed our minds about Loomis and the rest when we found what they really were after, a dictatorship. When we made our statements, we thought we were doing something that's good for America. I don't see why we should be spat at. I don't want to be called a stool-pigeon by the people in my neighborhood. It's just another bum break."

Waller was born in Atlanta, lost his mother when he was four and his father a year later. He was sent to an orphan asylum in Texas, "got along well for the first few years," until they changed superintendents.

"The new man turned it into a jail. The rules were stricter. We weren't allowed to be friends with the boys in town. When I was 12, I had to leave school and work on the orphanage farm. The superintendent gave me a whipping once. I ran away. I was 13 then.

"I went to Houston and got a job on a tugboat. I worked on the tugboats for a year, then quit and went to live with my married sister in Atlanta. We couldn't get along, so I ran away again. I went to Dallas, was hungry and broke, so I went to a Marine recruiting station and enlisted. I lied and said I was 17, but I was only 14.

"I was in the campaigns on Guadalcanal and Bougainville. Then I got malaria, and was shipped home. After my discharge, I went back to Atlanta and had a couple of jobs, then re-enlisted in the Marines. I got a bad recurrence of malaria and was discharged with a 100 per cent disability."

Lanier joined the Columbians through Childers. He had seen the latter's picture in the paper at the time of the "incitement to riot" indictment, ran into him in a lunchroom and said he'd like to join up.

"Why did you join?" I asked Waller.

"To tell the truth, I had no place to go. I wanted to be with other fellows and get into something. Besides, I don't like niggers."

Waller, like Childers, was unable to give a rational basis for his racial prejudice.

I asked Waller if he knew why other young fellows had joined the Columbians.

"Most of the boys came in for reasons that Homer (Loomis, the leader) planned," Wallis said. "He told them he would keep the niggers from grabbing the houses of the whites. He said he would solve the race problem when he took power. It was only after we got active that we were told the whole idea of the Columbians—to get rid of everybody until there was nothing but Columbians left. Some of the boys liked the uniform, and some of them liked the excitement and fellowship."

Like other members, Waller was told to turn all his money over to the Columbian treasury and informed that henceforth he would be under military discipline. He turned over his savings of $156, he says.

Waller went out frequently on Columbian hoodlum excursions, and made speeches at meetings. He read Hitler's *Mein Kampf*—the "bible" of Columbian headquarters, on the insistence of Loomis.

There were about 50 Nazi books in the Columbian office library, Waller said. Members were urged to read them all for inspiration and knowledge. Waller got fed up with the organization because Loomis "tried to run our whole lives." Waller said:

"He (Loomis) told us that when the Columbians got into power, every man would be assigned to a certain woman to breed a pure race. He said there would be no smoking or drinking, and that women would have to stop using lipstick and paint and powder. Once, when I asked him for 20 cents for a pack of cigarets, he told me to go to Hell and that I'd better stop smoking right now.

"Homer had us living on bread, beans and water at the club. I got into arguments with him about Hitler and told him Hitler's book was a bunch of bull. I got my belly full of both of them."

There are great numbers of Wallers and Childerses in this land, young people with poor moorings or no anchorage, who feel like outcasts, who feel that they have nothing to look forward to, whose natural craving for adventure is not socially directed into constructive channels, who have been poisoned by regional and national prejudices, who don't feel they belong, who wish desperately to latch on to something concrete with the colorful overtones that youth yearns for.

They are duck soup for the fascists demogogues. They may not all be as lucky as Waller and Childers in pulling out in time. They may be lost to usefulness in a democratic society unless we provide wholesome alternatives for the illusory promises of the postwar Hitlers.

By Albert Deutsch

Leading Actors in Bigot Group Sketches in A Rogues' Gallery

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The Columbians, Inc., of Atlanta, comprise, besides a sprinkling of run-of-the-mill people with dangerously misdirected antagonisms, a concentrated collection of small-time rogues, criminal psychopaths and gold-brick artists. These worthies represent, in microcosm, the core of organized bigotry. Take, for instance, one Jack Price, a 28-year-old hoodlum, out on bail on a charge of incitement to riot, whom I encountered in Atlanta last week while he was scurrying about between newspaper offices, anti-fascist agencies, and police authorities trying to sell his confession to the highest cash bidder.

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He told me, while trying to make a "confession deal" with either the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League (for cash) or Asst. Attorney General Dan Duke (for immunity), that he had been born in Iowa, been on the road for years, rejected from military service because of "nerves," left a divorced wife and three-month-old child in California, and joined the Columbians just to "see what they were up to." (The records show that he was actively involved in some of the most vicious acts of Columbian terrorism.) The shifty-eyed, brown-shirted Columbian protested his innocence with whopping lies.

Here are a few leading characters from the rogues' gallery in the Columbian membership:

¶ A real estate man reputed to be buying up white homes cheap and selling them high to Negroes in "tension areas" at the very time he was egging on his fellow-Columbians to fight off "nigger invasion." The angle? Stirring up trouble-stimulated white residents to get out of the trouble zones at any price. The crafty Columbian realtor would jump in for the kill.

¶ A salesman who signed a contract with leaders Homer Loomis, Jr., and Emory Burke authorizing him to sell Columbian memberships at $3 each. He pocketed $2 on each card, turning over $1 to the organization—a profitable deal he had previously consummated with other bigot groups.

¶ At least one hate-filled fugitive from a mental hospital was a member.

¶ Ira Jett, indicted last Friday by a grand jury for alleged complicity in the Columbian dynamite plot, is declared in the confessions of two young Columbians to have repeatedly boasted: "There's plenty of money for us all in this thing, if we play it right."

¶ The sex favors of at least one of the uniformed girl Columbians were passed indiscriminately among a number of male members.

¶ Homer Loomis, Jr., is reported to have boasted on a number of occasions that he, personally, felt no prejudice against any particular racial or religious group, but that he had to stimulate hatred among his followers as an essential part of his drive toward dictatorial power. His cynicism and hypocrisy was ruthlessly thorough. He has displayed a morbid hatred of women; he has expressed

The Atlanta Journal
ATLANTA, Dec. 16—(AP)—Unable to post $2,000 bond, Columbian Leader, Unable To Make Bond, Jailed For Week-End

Baring of 'Works' Listed Death Blow For Columbians

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By M. L. ST. JOHN.

Armed with dynamite and affidavits submitted by two Columbians turning State's evidence, State and local authorities branded as "virtually dead" the hate group which allegedly sought to establish a Nazi-like government in the United States.

They headed into court for criminal prosecutions against the leaders and civil action to revoke the organization's charter. And, at the same time, they asked national and State legislation to prevent the organization in the future of any such un-American groups.

Columbians Ralph Childers and Lanier Waller, and two undercover agents from the Anti-Nazi League in New York, and an author told the "inside workings" and aims of the Columbians to a conference of State and local law enforcement officers at the State Capitol yesterday.

They said the Columbians had a "lynch list" of persons slated to be lynched by the group. At the top of the list were Editor Ralph McGill, of the Atlanta Constitution; Asst. Atty. Gen. Dan Duke and Rep. Helen Douglas Mankin, according to Childers and Waller.

The two youths, who said they discovered they had been misled in joining the Columbians, were the Columbians who called upon Editor McGill with threats to "beat him up" unless he ceased writing about them and the Columbians.

McGill conducted an editorial campaign against the organization. This resulted in Columbians berating him in their meeting, and putting him on their list of the ones "to get."

Three more Columbians have made overtures to turning State's evidence, Asst. Atty. Gen. Dan Duke said last night.

After it was announced that Waller and Childers had given information to law enforcement officers, Duke said that three other young Columbians approached Childers and asked him how they could join in turning State's evidence. The three reportedly went to Sol. E. E. Andrews' office to sign statements.

Meanwhile, the headquarters of the Columbians reportedly was practically deserted. Only one member was seen at the building last night.

Solicitor General Andrews took the new evidence, including some dynamite sticks and caps, into his possession, and announced he would ask the Fulton County Grand Jury Friday to indict President Emory Burke and Secretary Homer Loomis of the Columbians on a charge of possessing dynamite. Waller and Childers said the dynamite was purchased by another Columbian for the purpose of bombing Negro homes.

Andrews said he believed the affidavits and evidence would lead to the conviction of the Columbian leaders. Duke expressed confidence it would lead to revocation of the organization's charter.

Atty. Gen. Eugene Cook, in a report to Gov. Arnall, said the Columbians sought to establish a Nazi-like government in America. He said they had assembled a private arsenal. He recommended National and State legislation to prevent the formation of other such groups.

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Undercover agents from New York told of joining the Columbians with recommendations from a person under Federal indictment for sedition. They told of enlisting the aid of Waller and Childers, and of flying them to New York to make their affidavits to the Anti-Nazi League.

Since returning to Atlanta, Waller and Childers said they had been threatened by some members of the Columbians. Loomis, himself, has called upon them, chiding them, and stating he "would see you boys around," they said.

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Waller said he accompanied Columbian Ira Jett when the latter purchased dynamite from Guy Johnson.

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Waller and Childers said they had the wrong impression when they joined the Columbians. They turned against it when Loomis began talking about becoming a dictator of the United States, they said.

Among the evidence turned over to the Solicitor General were a list of members of the Columbians and a book showing telephone calls received for the Columbians to come to certain neighborhoods and "chase out" certain people. There also was a map of Atlanta, dividing the city into blocks for the purpose of a survey by "block bosses" to determine which families were friendly.

The disclosures were made in the Attorney General's office. Present were Police Chief M. A. Hornsby, Detective Chief E. I. Hilderbrand of the Atlanta Police Department; Chief C. E. Mitchell of the Fulton County Police Department; Director W. E. Spence of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation; Chairman James Sheldon, of the Anti-Nazi League of New York; Andrews, Duke and Cook.

Stetson Kennedy, author of "Southern Exposure," turned over to Duke information he obtained when he joined the Columbians to act as a spy on that organization.

On the basis of the information obtained by Duke with the help of local officers, Cook summarized in his report to the Governor that the evidence would show that the Columbians:

RENEE FORREST.
Undercover Girl.

"1. Systematically plan to intimidate and injure members of minority religious and racial groups.

"2. Conspire to bring about the arrest of innocent Georgia citizens on false charges.

"3. Have arrested Georgia citizens.

"4. Assemble a private arsenal of deadly weapons.

"5. That Homer L. Loomis, Emory Burke and Ira Jett, as a consequence of a conspiracy between them, planned the bombing and did bomb a home at 333 Ashby St., in the City of Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia.

"6. Corruptly influence the behavior of minor youths in such a way to incite them toward the commission of crimes against the State of Georgia.

"7. By force, threats, duress and intimidation, have restrained home owners in Fulton County (Atlanta) from the full and proper enjoyment of their property."

Loomis promptly denied that the Columbians had any such motives as related in the confessions and he banished Waller and Childers from the organization. He admitted he went to see Waller and Childers Monday night after their return from New York, where they made the confessions to Prof. James H. Sheldon, of the Anti-Nazi League. He said he asked them "where they had been" but denied threatening them.

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Anti-Nazis Vs. Columbians

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NEW YORK—A few days ago a startling story broke in the papers under an Atlanta dateline concerning a secret organization called the Columbians, which appears to be anti-Semitic and anti-Negro. At worst it is a rather juveline group and quite small, for it claimed only 5,400 members and those who exposed it said it had only 500.

The "break" of the news story was contrived in dramatic fashion, revealing a professional touch. The only ground for the startling allegations was the "confessions" of two young backsliders, 18 and 21.

IF THIS IS A sinister and dangerous organization, however, it obviously is petty by comparison with the outfit which arranged the expose.

That organization is the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League of New York. It was organized in 1933 to boycott Hitler's Germany and, by other means, to oppose the rise of Hitlerism. In the years since, it has become, by its own boast in the Atlanta case, a secret, private espionage system.

IT HAS NO OFFICIAL equal in the agencies of the United States government which even to this day do not include a "secret police" service of this type. Not even the FBI, the Intelligence Departments of the Army and Navy or the authorized investigators of legally qualified committees of Congress have the right to plant secret agents in the offices of private groups, whether political or fraternal, to photography or copy their private paper.

The Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League has absolutely no standing as an official agency of any branch of the government nor does it present itself to the public as a secret police or detective agency. It operates in the guise of a group opposed to Hitlerian and similar methods of secret terrorism through methods amounting to moral and political blackmail. In the Atlanta case, nevertheless, its agents boastfully told of their cleverness in worming their way into a private group.

THE NON-SECTARIAN Anti-Nazi League has no more right to employ the methods that it did employ against the Columbians than it has to do the same thing to the Masons, the Knights of Columbus, to any innocent, law-abiding family or any business organization, nevertheless, it may be doing just that. The public can't know what it is doing, because it is a privately operated secret service.

THE PRESIDENT of the League is Herman Hoffman and the Treasurer is Isidore Lipschutz. Lipschutz is a refugee diamond broker from Belgium who appears to be either a rich man in his own right or to have large financial backing.

The day after the news of the League's coup in Atlanta, I telephoned the office of the League in New York to ask information. A woman who answered the phone asked me to wait a minute and, after a little more delay than seemed necessary to refer a call, and sufficient delay to permit a tracer to start checking my number, which was all right with me, a man's voice answered. He spoke in a thick dialect. I mention this fact for its own sake and because John Roy Carlson, the Levantine sneak who writes boastful books about his success in crawling into political groups which are about as difficult to enter as the subway, often notes that dangerous and sinister "Fascist" enemies of "democracy" speak in "heavy guttural accents" and pronounce "America" as though it were spelled "Amerika," which is the way all Americans pronounce it.

The man with the thick dialect told me that Mr. Hoffman was the President. Then, when I asked him what Mr. Hoffman's business was, he said: "What's his business? Well, I think he is a lawyer. A former judge. I think so, in New York."

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Then he said, "The answers that I give you are not the right ones."

I asked him why he was giving false answers if the league were an honest organization with nothing to hide. He said that if I really were Westbrook Pegler I ought to know all about Mr. Hoffman and his business. I told him my way of getting reliable information was to approach the persons concerned openly and honestly. I never rifle their desks, spy on their telephone calls and private correspondence or plant treacherous agents in secretarial positions.

When I asked the man with the Bessarabian, or possibly Baltic, accent about Mr. Lipschutz he said Lipschutz was the treasurer. This is true notwithstanding my informant's warning that he was giving me false answers.

AFTER I HAD asked the man with the accent whether Lipschutz were a citizen and he had answered "I couldn't tell you," he asked me, "Are you?"

"Yes," I said. "A native. Are you?"

"I am an African," he said. "An Abyssinian."

And when I asked his name he answered in gibberish, which may have been his name, at that.

American ear easily might have had trouble with his name, even if he had spelled it out.

Such is the experience of one loyal, native citizen of the United States in his collaboration with the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League.

In that collaboration, however, the official recognition no less se[rious] than the Columbians and [the] ficient and, therefore, [dan]gerous to the peace, [and] dignity of [the] Georgia and all the [citizens] of Georgia.

Since then we have seen the uncovering of the activities of other cities, as well as in Atlanta dedicated to hate and the perpetration of prejudices and intolerance comes as a grim reminder of the early '30s when such an organization was gaining a foothold in Germany. At that time we Americans found it hard to believe that the stories told of the Nazis and their activities were true. Since then we have revised many of our opinions.

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I See By the Papers

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I see by the papers where the Columbians' strong-arm boys have confessed they had been instructed to waylay me and give me a fatal slugging. This was a second decision, the first having been hanging. Always grateful for small favors, I appreciate this. It is a small concession, but 'twill do.

For a few days after the threats telephoned me and delivered in person, I did watch carefully when crossing streets, because a favorite trick is to run a person down, and be so very sorry about it.

But, I didn't give it much thought. It never really occurs to me that anyone dislikes me. I don't mean that I regard myself as a front runner in any popularity contest, but I mean that since I can, and do, violently disagree with persons without hating or even disliking them, it just never occurs to me that I have a real enemy in the world.

In my time I have been threatened with shooting, with having my place blown up, and with being slugged and beaten by hired thugs, but, somehow, I never really believed it.

There are a lot of tough, mean persons, I know. But I never worry about them. I get along swell with tough persons. The only ones that ever do anything, really, are the sneaks and the snide little psychopathic cases. And you can't help feeling sorry for them. Life is such a mess for them. And they can never bring themselves to buckle down and do a job. Everyone is out of step but them.

I also have had, during political campaigns and campaigns against the Klan, the usual telephone calls from ladies who wished me to come to their hotel rooms so that they could give me the low-down on the opposition. Also, there are the usual snides who will call up and insult other members of your family and inform your wife you are maintaining two or three blondes in expensive apartments, a fact any wife, being familiar with the budget, knows just can't be true. Any fellow who deals in the controversial can expect that sort of thing, but I always enjoy a hard fight, and the fact that someone might not like me for fighting never really occurs to me.

So, I never carry anything of a defensive nature save my good right arm, which isn't as good as it used to be. Also, I was a pretty fair college team wrestler and if I get in close I am pretty good at that for as long as two or three minutes, before my wind goes. But that's all. I can't last long. I really am just about defenseless.

Time Was In the old days, though, it was different. When I was around 23 years old, reporting politics in Tennessee, things were different.

There was a pistol in almost every newspaper desk, in those days. I recall, once, the late M. B. Morton, managing editor of the Nashville Banner, called me in and said that I was to cover the late Maj. E. B. Stahlman's political speakings for a few nights. The Major went at politics as they still do in Tennessee. That is to say, they make the Georgia campaigns seem like an alfresco tea of the Ladies' Aid Society. The Talmadge-Arnall campaign of four years ago and the Talmadge-Carmichael campaign of this year were milk toast stuff compared to the Stahlman-Lea feud in Tennessee.

Polite Anyhow, Mr. Morton, who was a tall, lanky Kentuckian, handed me my assignment and a Colt .45. That night I stood beside the little half-ton pick-up truck from which the Major spoke. The gasoline torches were flaring and bugs were whirling around, dying in them. But the Major's words were hotter than the flames. I recall that he opened up by saying the opposition reminded him of a dead fish on the moonlit bank of a stream. It shined as it stank and it stank as it shined. After that polite introduction he worked up to rascals, thieves and then on into the really hot part of his speech.

I recall that Sgt. Ed Bright, my old friend on the police force, came over and looked at my sagging seersucker pants, ill-concealed by a coat too short for me. You know how those suits fit.

"Got a permit " he said.

"Permit for what, sergeant?" I asked innocently.

"You'd better pack a .38 next time," he said. "It won't pull your pants down so far."

I told Mr. Morton about it, but he kept giving me that .45. And my pants kept sagging.

Nothing happened, though, and we lost the campaign, to boot, although everything the old gentleman said in his speech was true, as time proved. I sure was glad to get rid of that .45.

Well, those were the days.

The newspaper business is very interesting. You meet so many interesting people.

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The Common Man Is Not Common

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A Fuehrer of the Columbians, who boasts that his members are white trash from the slums which the do-nothings of the nation permit to exist, could be right. However, I don't think all of them are—about which more later.

I don't know anything about his membership, but if he says it is from the slums and is white trash, I won't quarrel. That's what a hate organization would attract—the failures, the chronic sore-heads who feel the world owes them a living without any work, the punks, hoodlums and toughs who have no faith in themselves and who hate their own country and its people.

I don't know his membership, but if he insists they are from "the slums" which the "do-nothings" of the world allow to exist, he can say it. He has got only a few members anyhow, even from those sections.

Certainly he has attracted very few good, sincere persons from the poorer sections of the city which, through no fault of the people who live in them, must be classified by him as slums.

Agree And certainly the Fuehrer and I agreed that these slums are a crying disgrace and a costly factor in the life of any city.

I have written and fought against slums for years, earning the anger of some real estate people and organizations who have charged me with being too radical because I have said, and say again, that if private enterprise will not tear down the slums of America, then the Government ought to—and will—do it.

The American flag ought not to be allowed to fly in glory over any city which houses its people in wretchedness and which exploits the poor by exorbitant rents of such wretchedness.

What the people of any city must realize is that there are many good and sincere persons who have just grievances and do not know how to get them adjusted. We make a tragic error in leaving such grievances to such organizations as the Columbians, who teach hate and violence, as a solution. Slums and the just grievances of people in them are a time bomb which one day will explode.

But, that the Columbians should come along and further exploit these same people, preying off them for their hard-earned dollars so they may live in ease without an honest job, is un-American and evil in the sight of God.

Hypocrisy That they should seek to bring about race riots and friction between the races because some white dealer or owner sells or rents a house to a Negro, is the perfect illustration of the hypocrisy and viciousness of their emotional appeals to get dollars on which to live without working.

No pimp living off the proceeds of a poor street walker ever had a soul as black as that of the promoters of hate organizations who live off the dollars of the poor whom they delude and fool.

The small daughter of one of the Fuehrers had been saved from death with medical aid and food supplied by the good women of a Jewish charitable organization which works among the poor. The child had been fed and clothed by them, yet the father was a Fuehrer preaching hatred against those who had saved and fed his own child.

This is a perfect illustration of the character and hypocrisy of hate promoters.

Another of the Fuehrers first wife left him because of his very queer conduct on his wedding night. His second wife, and mother of his children, has testified he abused her because she taught the children there was a God.

Yes, I am an American. I believe in America and all that it stands for, and whoever lives in this God-protected country and who violates its teachings is a traitor to his American citizenship. MARSDEN S. LEWIS.
Atlanta.

Undelivered Orchids

Constitution

Editor Constitution:

You may not have seen the following clipping from Walter Winchell's column in the New York Mirror:

Save a hearty thank-you for Ralph McGill, the fighting Atlanta editor. He is really a newspaperman who makes devotees of a free press glow all over . . . McGill unleashed his heavy artillery at a nest of storm-troopers despicables. When the goons made a pitch at bullying the editor—it only inspired McGill to increase the rapidity of his salvos . . . He is plastering the punks with devastating accuracy. *Atlanta, Ga.* *12-13-46*

For some reason it has not appeared locally.

R. E. OLIVER.
Atlanta.

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Constitution and hate existing in this city
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Character

The Haters *The Constitution*

Editor Constitution:

Atlanta. I am a real American and I
respect the rights of Catholics,
Protestants, Jews, be they white
or black. *Atlanta, Ga.*

It is very regrettable that
soon after erasing from the
those teachers of hate we
so soon forget.

Possibly my views are
consequence to Atlantans.
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Tribute It is a fine tribute to the good, decent people who live in the sections called "poor" that they have not been fooled by these imitators of Hitler who puts that criminal's ideals in place of God and the Christian ideal . . . as did Hitler.

"The common man" is not common.

He knows himself to have been made in the image of God. If he has not been able, through no fault of his own, to make a financial success of his life, he tries through his church and his community to give children a better chance with education and training.

He is capable of making decisions for himself without being regimented by a hate organization, whose Fuehrers live in luxury off the dollars they take from the poor and uninformed . . . and who laugh at how easily they excite and fool their "masses."

He will join in the fight to build a civilization and a life free of superstition and prejudice, free of hate, but free also of slums and the exploitation of the poor by Fuehrers or any other man or organization.

Let us be sure he has the united help of churches and civic leadership in correcting his just grievances. Let's fight the devil

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You've Got to Get in Their Gutter

Atlanta, Ga. Thurs. 12-12-46

Afterthoughts on Columbians, Inc.

There are always those who say the best policy is a "hush-hush" policy.

And that the least you say about crackpot organizations the better.

I can imagine certain conditions under which that might be true. But mostly I go along with the policy of getting in there and firing both barrels—after you have something to fire.

I will agree that most of the time the type publicity, or attack, is not good. It probably, or at least conceivably, could do more harm than good.

It is a product of laziness and little imagination. It consists of solemn, dull-as-ditch-water pieces in which the editor wags a heavy finger in the face of his public and asks them to view with alarm. He mentions liberty, justice and the law, and suggests that no right-thinking person will have anything to do with such a hate-promoting organization.

That's no good.

To fight them you have got to get in their gutter and fight with some of their weapons. Including mud, if they use it. You've got to be highly impolite and you have got to know something about them. You've got to call names and know something of their records. The pleasant fact is they always have records.

But the point is, you can't be afraid of them. They will try to smear you and everything you say. They will try to terrorize your family and annoy you with anonymous calls. That isn't important if you know how to shrug it off and regard it as part of the game.

That sort of publicity won't help them a bit. Not even a little bit.

As has been shown more times than once.

They thrive on viewing with alarm. That is publicity.

But not on an attack. That isn't publicity.

Records For example, it is well to know that the high school classmates of Emory Burke recall that he was even in those days a fierce admirer of old Benito the Bum, who was running Italy on a penitentiary basis. And also that he worried everyone into listening to him brag about what a fine, upstanding character Adolf was over there in Germany, where terror was the watchword and where a man couldn't read, write, worship as he pleased and couldn't even listen to a radio program that wasn't according to the Nazi standards.

It is well to know he played around with the lunatic fringe organizations in California and then showed up in New York as associate editor of a small paper whose real backers were going off to Germany to visit Adolf and to get paid by him. It is at least reasonable to assume that if the paper was paid for by Hitler money and Burke was on the pay roll he was in the hire of Hitler just as surely as if he were working on Adolf Platz in Berlin. It was indirect, but apparently the money was from Germany.

Emory was very proud of speaking in Madison Square Garden in some of the anti-American-war-course against Germany and his indirect employer.

So, knowing even this much—and there is a great deal more to know—you know exactly where to place Emory Burke and what sort of an order it is he would like to form.

You know immediately it isn't American.

Explanation Enough of Homer Loomis' record got around to cause him to get up in meeting and try to explain. Here was a boy who had the benefit of wealth and an opportunity for education that many an American boy waits on tables, runs laundry routes and fires furnaces to get. But he tossed it all away. He was just a failure in school and there isn't a record of him ever having supported his wife and children.

The Georgia boys who had joined up with Homer couldn't go along with Homer when they found out that his first wife charged Homer made her sit in bed in a dark room and read a mystery story on his honeymoon night. She scrammed right out of there, as they say, and left Homer.

His second wife said he never worked, but sat around hating people on her money and, so, she had to get rid of Homer. The fact he used to shout to his children that they shouldn't believe in such foolishness as the Bible and God also adds up to a pretty fair picture of Homer.

When Homer couldn't live off his wife, he still didn't go to work. He got into the business of persuading poor persons, some of them with just grievances no one would listen to, to pay him $3 each to hate according to Homer's direction.

It was pretty sort for Homer to live without working, and you wonder why there are suckers who will support such drones.

Well, of course, this sort of organization would make even a good, healthy buzzard turn pale and fly swiftly away So, it is no wonder that even the more rabid followers of Emory and Homer are scramming out—just like Homer's first two wives.

They couldn't take it. either.

Getting Goods On Columbians, Just 'Job,' Says Brooklyn Blonde

The Forward Thurs. 12-19-46

Birmingham Ala.

BY HAROLD BROWN

NEW YORK, Dec. 19—(NANA)—This is the story of a blonde Brooklyn girl who turned in a job of undercover investigation rivaling the best fictional fancies of the late Edward Wallace. It's not a spy story, however. Not to Miss Renee Fruchtbaum it isn't.

She should know, for she is the 24-year-old secretary who passed herself off as a pro-Fascist and got a job working in Atlanta, Ga., for the Columbians, Inc., the anti-Semitic, anti-Negro organization which is facing a Grand Jury investigation.

"It was just an assignment," she said at the office of the nonsectarian anti-Nazi League, the organization which sent her south on the trail of the Columbians.

Miss Forrest, as she is known at the league and as she was known during her short employment in the Columbians' office, has taffy colored hair and deep violet eyes. She stands five feet three inches tall and weighs 110 pounds. She is pretty.

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NOT ONCE IN THE FOUR DAYS she typed and did secretarial work in the ramshackle hotel office of the Columbians was she afraid, she insists. She was not afraid even when she heard Homer Loomis, the organization's secretary say that he should "fix" any traitor he found in the Columbians.

The Brooklyn girl's adventure began one Friday when she and Mario Buzzi, a league investigator, left for Atlanta by train. On Saturday they rested; but on Sunday Buzzi, posing as an Italian Fascist from New York, called on the Columbians.

"Buzzi told Loomis that he had brought a girl from New York who had been active in pro-Nazi organizations and who was interested in the Columbians. Buzzi became very friendly with Loomis and I was invited to come down the next day," Renee said.

Then she described her four days of undercover work:

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MONDAY—"I went with Buzzi to meet Loomis. Loomis said that his organization was based on the Nazi youth movement. He told me that he was not going to make the same mistakes, however. I told him that I had been active before and after the war in various movements sympathetic to the Nazi cause. He replied that he would like to have me help typing letters and filing documents. He said that he wanted to have more young girls in the movement to attract the young men."

Tuesday—"I worked a full day. I spent most of the day learning what was going on in the office. I looked through a big scrap book filled with pictures and stories about Hitler and the Nazi Party. It had other articles showing the work of the Columbians, showing how it paralleled the work of the storm troopers in Germany. Some of the things sickened me, but I wasn't nervous."

Wednesday—"I had a long conversation with Loomis. He told me his plans for the Winter—that he was going to Indianapolis to organize a branch of the Columbians. Loomis said that he could realy use me there. Later he brought in a batch of handbills advertising a rally that he was addressing Thursday night. He said that the handbills were distributed only in certain parts of town, because 'we have to be quiet in the main parts of town until Talmadge (Governor-Elect Gene Talmadge) gets in.'"

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THURSDAY—"Loomis called me early and asked me to come to the office and type some letters for him. They were particularly vicious attacks against the Jews. While I was working, a girl named Betty who worked in the office came to my desk and asked me what I was doing after the Columbians rally that night, and could she come out with me.

"Betty had been hanging around me all week and I was a little worried she might be suspicious. I said that I would have to asked Mr. Falco, our name for Mario Buzzi.

"I arranged with Loomis to take shorthand notes of his speech that night. While I was looking for some lined paper, a young man named Ralph Childers brought me a regular shorthand pad. That provided us with some good evidence, as the pad contained a street by street survey checking on the movement of Negroes into white sections.

"That night at the rally Betty told me that she would like to come to New York. She said that she was not happy at home or in her work with the Columbians. I felt sorry for her, but was still a bit suspicious. On Friday Buzzi and I decided that we had better come back to New York." *12-19-46*

Before they left they gave Childers and Laner Waller, another young Columbian, a secret New York telephone number. The two boys, who did not really want to be Columbians when they learned its aims, called and later came here to give evidence.

Their evidence added to that of Buzzi and Renee greatly aided Georgia's attorney-general, Eugene Cook, in his investigation of the Columbians and led to the Grand Jury study of charges against the anti-racial organization.

Columbians' Court Hearing Is Postponed

The Courier-Journal Louisville, Ky. Sat. 11-9-46

Attorney Charges Four Held Illegally

Atlanta, Nov. 8 (AP)—A Police Court hearing on charges of "inciting to roit" against four members of the local Columbian Political Party" was postponed today until November 20, aftre a defense attorney charged that the men were "being held illegally at the whim" of the police chief.

Defense attorney J. E. B. Stewart said "strong-arm methods" were used in the arrest of the four last Saturday at a demonstration against a Negro family moving into a house formerly tenanted by white persons. He also charged that Chief of Police M. A. Hornsby "acted without any authority in the law."

Bond Is Reduced.

Recorder A. W. Callaway reduced from $5,000 to $1,000 the bond of Jack Price, 26, who has been in jail since his arrest. Free under $5,000 bonds are Homer L. Loomis, Jr., 32, secretary and organizer of the Columbians; James Akin, 18, and Roy L. Whitman, 33, all of whom appeared in court.

The Columbians, who claim 1,000 members, started off a few months ago as a chartered order to work for "a progressive white community." Last night, however, after the State had moved to revoke the charter, President Emory Burke tore up the charter at a public meeting and proclaimed that henceforth the organization would be "a political party," fighting the battles of "the white working man."

Assistant Attorney General Dan Duke announced today that Georgia would proceed with a revocation suit against the Columbians, Inc., despite the action of its leaders in tearing up the charter.

Judge Throws Out Columbian Charge

The Advertiser Montgomery, Ala. Sun. 12-15-46

ATLANTA, Dec. 14—(AP)—A charge by Columbians, Inc., that Prof. James H. Sheldon usurped police powers in investigating them was thrown out of court today after the judge was told that the Anti-Nazi League official ought to be honored instead of

"When the full facts as we now have them are brought to light," Mr. Duke declared, "the citizens will be shocked to learn that such depravity and degeneracy could escape the law as long as it has."

JURY TRIAL GRANTED IN GEORGIA ASSAULT

The New York Times. Sat. 12-7-46

Special to The New York Times.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 6—Georgia's Assistant Attorney General, Daniel Duke, requested today a day Mr. Duke said that Burke's assault charges name had appeared on the mast- him by Emory C. heads of "nearly every Fascist or- of the anti-Jew- ganization in the country prior to Columbians, Inc. World War II."

Judge Howard likened the anti-Negro, anti-Jew Columbians to a "foreigners rushing down here to disturb the peace of citizens. E. E. Pomeroy of the Superior Court Mr. Duke knocked Burke to the floor. He waived a hearing in the Civil Court of Fulton (Atlanta) County and the case was transferred to Fulton County Criminal Court.

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Columbians, Inc. (Georgia)

ATLANTA LAYS DOWN THE LAW

Times, New York, N.Y. Mon.

Whatever else the organization calling itself Columbians, Inc., may be, it is not the law in Atlanta, Ga. Chief of Police M. A. Hornsby made this clear on Saturday when he arrested four men who had been picketing a Negro family which was trying to move into a house formerly occupied by white tenants. Whites and Negroes were lined up on opposite sides of the street. The tinder that might have set off a riot was there. Chief Hornsby made a little speech. "I want to tell you once for all, you Columbians," he said, "the Atlanta Police Department is policing this town." The four men were held on $5,000 bail. Ministers, veterans and the Georgia Association of Women Lawyers were among those who supported the chief on this issue.

The Columbians, who described themselves as "a benevolent and patriotic society," will have their day in court in Atlanta, and perhaps elsewhere. Good citizens, North and South, will share the same opinion as to the "benevolence and patriotism" shown in the Atlanta episode. They may also be moved to think further about various phases of racial discrimination—unfair hiring practices, race restrictions in theatres and other public places in the nation's capital and elsewhere. These are links in the chain which runs from minor discourtesies to riots and lynchings. "Benevolent and patriotic" Americans will recognize the connection. In applauding Chief Hornsby for his stand for law and order they will not forget to be fair and courteous in their own personal relationships. 11-4-46

Silly, Vicious—and Not Unlawful

The Times and Courier, Charleston, S.C.

No one at any time has heard of Jews or Roman Catholics organizing a society to contend with Protestants and "Aryans". They have too much sense and are persons whose good will toward men is too strong for that kind of vicious and insane conduct. They do not organize to oppose negroes. Nevertheless, if they should form organizations of the kind they would not be unlawful. Even the Communists, who advocate overturning government in the United States by force, are a party permitted by law to operate as long as they are guilty of no overt act. The organization reported from Atlanta is silly. This is a free country in which the silly are given free rein. Were the members of the Atlanta society to wear masks they would thereby invite suspicion of themselves as persons of criminal intent. Sat. 11-9-46

Columbians: Old Story

The News

The Columbians are dead ducks now, apparently. Newspaper writers have definitely linked the name of the Atlanta organization's leader with that of the prewar Imperial Fascist League of England chief, Capt. Hamilton Beamish, and with a man named Ernest Elmhurst—said also to be called Fleischkopf—whose record clearly identifies him with the German Bund in America.

Birmingham, Ala.

The Columbian leader's name is Emory Burke. He once lived in Montgomery. He has been in Georgia for eight years.

The first news of this organization, of course, made "hot copy." It was a photogenic story also; after all—there were brown shirts and shoulder patches marked by a "white flash." So it has been picked up and boomed about. This was all to the good, for it has resulted in a prompt examination, both by the authorities and by the newspapers in Atlanta. The link has been established. It now appears that this group of men is not entirely "native." The motivation as yet may not have been completely determined. But the source is known, and the evil can be recognized still more clearly.

From this point on, it would seem a wise course to let the authorities handle the Columbians. The hate which a group of ignorant people wish to foster probably can be defeated—will be defeated—most promptly through a refusal to give these characters the publicity they so eagerly seek.

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Recently two of them went to the office of Ralph McGill, editor of *The Atlanta Constitution*, who devoted a column to their visit, to their threats to "fix him" if his paper didn't lay off the Columbians. Perhaps if newspapers did not print so many things about the Columbians, the organization would weep bitter tears. 11-18-46

A New Bid for Suckers

The Constitution

Apparently this new Columbian organization which is seeking to replace the KKK as the savior of America, requires, as does, or did, the KKK, that at least a large majority of its members be hoodlums who go about trying to take the place of the law-and-order processes of police and courts which the people of every community set up.

Atlanta, Ga.

They apparently have straightened out the Hitler swastika into some sort of symbol such as cartoonists employ to denote a lightning bolt, and have in their midst some jerks who are trying to act like Hitler's street hoodlums called the "Brown Shirts." Fri. 11-1-46

Police are reported to have warned this group of cowardly terrorists who go around with guns and blackjacks attacking lone persons. Warnings are not enough.

We hope that when any such case gets to court and the evidence is presented in enough quantity to permit conviction, the courts will give the limit to all such persons who think they are greater than the established law.

We hope the police themselves will not regard them as anything but what they are—law violators who would run the police right out of the city if they could.

This type secret order apparently isn't getting anywhere. But this one seems to be a little violent. We suggest police adopt the habit of looking into their headquarters for whatever might be interesting. It is just possible they might see there some faces which are on those little cards the FBI sends out marked, "Have you seen this criminal?"

We trust the FBI will look at this group which must be subversive and un-American since it is out trying to defy the American system of law and its courts.

Americans don't need the pimply faced riff-raff of any secret order to protect them.

Keep your hard-earned money for food and clothes—don't be a sucker and support a few sharp promoters who are looking for suckers.

RACIAL: Toy Hitlers

Newsweek, Dayton, Ohio

When its charter was granted two months ago, Columbians, Inc., sounded to Atlantans like just another inoffensive fraternal order. Its proclaimed goal was the stimulation of "political thought and action so that the great American public will elect . . . men of courage whose ideals for the future are based on our country's glorious past." Further, in Georgia, a declaration in favor of the "God-given right" of our nation "to remain white" was not considered remarkable. Authorization for uniforms with a red bolt-of-lightning shoulder patch was granted without a flicker of interest.

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But last week Atlantans were dismayed to find that Columbians, Inc., estimated to number 400 to 500 members, was in deadly earnest about a program that outdid the Ku Klux Klan's in scope and rivaled Hitler's. Columbians had taken to "guarding" houses of white residents and patrolling streets in the Atlanta West End where Negroes were buying houses in a hitherto exclusively white district. The real trouble started Oct. 28. Police found Clifford Hines, a 23-year-old Negro, battered and crying, in the back seat of an automobile occupied by Ralph Childers, 17, and two other Columbians. Bystanders testified that the youths had set upon the Negro without provocation. 11-11-46

Denying that he had ordered the beating, Homer L. Loomis Jr., secretary and organizer of the Columbians, admitted he had directed Childers to "guard" a nearby house of a white resident who, alarmed over a Negro woman "looking at the house as she walked by," had asked the Columbians for "protection." Childers was arrested.

'Red-Flash' Thursday: Before dawn on Oct. 31, a Negro's house in the neighborhood was bombed, tearing a hole in the front wall. Later in the day, police confiscated two placards bearing the Columbian "red-flash" symbol reading: "Zoned as a white community."

That night, the Columbians held an open meeting. Brazenly, they pinned a medal on Childers, then free on bond. Their leaders defiantly pledged to continue patrolling streets to "protect white Anglo-Saxons from the Negroes." Emory C. Burke, Columbian president, added Jews to the list of "purgees," shouting: "The fight has just begun, and we are going to make it hotter and hotter until you go back to the Bronx where you came from, and I say one day, we are going to march into the Bronx." Two hundred and fifty Columbians cheered wildly.

Next morning a Negro's house was stoned. Last Saturday, Nov. 2, Loomis and three other Columbians accosted a Negro family moving into a house formerly occupied by whites. As a crowd gathered, the police promptly arrested the four on charges of inciting a riot and disorderly conduct.

Although Assistant Attorney General Daniel Duke charged that Governor-nominate Eugene Talmadge and the Ku Klux Klan "are the hens that hatched this new biddy," even long-time Klansmen were aghast. They had no such ideas as that "too many people have too much money"—a dictum which the Columbians adopted from Huey Long, the Louisiana rabble rouser, and which is designed to swell their ranks with shiftless malcontents.

The New Leader: Nor could they approve the background of the association's 32-year-old chief spokesman and organizer, Homer Loomis. A Yankee, a graduate of elite St. Paul's School, and once a student at Princeton, he was a clever, unconventional man given to straining logic to absurd extremes. As a playboy son of a wealthy New York family, he has argued that Hitler's solution for racial minorities was the only "logical" alternative to "letting your sister marry a Negro." Once supported chiefly by his wife, now separated, he admitted that after his discharge from the Army he had come to Atlanta just "to start something."

Last week Georgians were in no mood to tolerate a toy Hitler. They soberly noted that the "red-flash" shoulder patch looked like a squashed swastika and strangely resembled the emblem of Hitler's SS troops.

But to the last the Columbians were true to their model. After the arrest of the four ringleaders, police officials and newspapermen got phone calls threatening "a working over." And in the face of denunciations from veterans' groups, lawyers, ministers, and the press, Emory Burke was still defiant: "We don't care a mouthful of snuff spit what they say or think."

RACES

Thunderhead *Time*

Under the corporate laws of Georgia, a legal charter was obtained last August by the "benevolent and patriotic society" of Columbians. This disarming front shielded ominous trappings. The members wore Army khaki uniforms and startling insignia—a red thunderbolt. The Columbians also boasted a belligerent creed: "To create voting solidarity among all white American citizens. . . . To encourage our people to think in terms of race, nation and faith." *Chicago, Ill.*

Thus equipped, President Emory Burke, 31-year-old Atlanta draftsman and high-school graduate, began drumming up recruits. Secretary Homer L. Loomis Jr., 32, was an avid assistant. A war veteran and socialite son of a wealthy New York lawyer ("where I learned to hate Jews and Negroes"), Loomis moved to Atlanta last winter with the intention of "starting something." Although the loose-mouthed rantings of Yankee Loomis were hotly denounced by civic-minded Atlantans, he was quickly able to find a following. His formula: "We tell the people what they want to hear. We excite them. Then we organize them."

Last week organized, khaki-shirted Columbians staged a meeting in a downtown Atlanta hall. While a tinny phonograph blared martial music, Columbians stamped up & down, looking baleful and clenching raised fists. Secretary Loomis, in a crew haircut, excoriated Jews, Negroes and the "alien element." President Burke, speaking with an affected English accent, presented a "medal of honor" to 17-year-old James Childers, just released on bail for allegedly blackjacking a Negro. *Sat. 11-11-46*

Two days later the Columbians gathered in public again. On Atlanta's unpaved Garibaldi Street, Frank Jones, a 45-year-old Negro, was moving his family belongings into an unpainted bungalow once tenanted by whites. Columbians met him at the door, pointed to placards warning Negroes away from the neighborhood. Columbian R. L. Whitman had brought along his wife and baby to watch the fun. On the baby's sleeve was pinned the thunderbolt symbol (*see cut*).

Before the lightning could strike, Atlanta police swooped down on the crowd. Lectured Police Chief M. A. Hornsby: "I want to tell you once and for all . . . the Atlanta police department is policing this town." Four of the leaders, including disgruntled Homer L. Loomis Jr. and Whitman, were hustled off to jail, booked for disturbing conduct and "inciting a riot."

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In Detroit's cosmopolitan Petoskey section, hoodlums last week systematically scarred the windows of 41 kosher butcher shops with acid. Apparently well-organized, the vandals carried specially insulated buckets, drove cars with license plates covered. Police had no clue as to their identity.

Fascist Columbians Stooged For Bosses to Break Unions

Daily Worker *New York, N. Y.* *Tues. 12-31-46*

By George Leonard

ATLANTA, Dec. 30.—The fascist Columbians were inspired and supported by Georgia industrialists to help defeat the CIO Southern organizing drive. The Exposition Cotton Mills in Atlanta, Ga., which employs more than a thousand workers, defeated a strike with the help of the Columbians and a goon squad of which the Columbians were the backbone. The idea was for the Columbians to break the CIO in the South and then to spread throughout the country and destroy it everywhere. At the beginning, it was called the "Columbian Workers Movement" in an effort to fool the working men of Georgia and draw them into the movement aimed at wrecking all unions and multiplying the profits of big business.

LOOMIS

Whittier Mills and the Fulton Bag and Cotton Mill, all of which were in Atlanta, used the Columbians in their effort to prevent the CIO from organizing their plants.

"We are doing very well at Exposition Mills and at Whittier Mills," Homer Lecomis, Jr., executive secretary of the Columbians boasted Oct. 3. Loomis also announced that "out at Exposition Cotton Mills they have been enthusiastic about us from the start."

"It's our understanding that Exposition Cotton Mills was helping to organize the Columbians. I know the Columbians met there and were formed during the strike," was the way Charles Gilman, Chairman of the Georgia State CIO Industrial Union Council put it. "I think Loomis and Burke are fronts. Several influential people here and in Decatur were among those who were supervising and financing the Columbians."

The CIO Textile Workers Union had won a NLRB election at Exposition Cotton Mills about two years ago by a narrow margin. Since then, the owners refused to negotiate a contract with the union. On March 18, 1946 the union went out on strike

From then on until Aug. 26, 1946 when the strike was broken and the union lost out, Loomis and the Columbians were very active at the mill.

Persons calling the Columbians office for Loomis have been told on many occasions: "Loomis is out at Exposition Mills."

The Columbians serve the Exposition Cotton Mills well, as they carry out a Nazi program for America which can only lead our country to fascism—to the nazification of our way of life—to the end of our democratic institutions—to the destruction of organized labor and to the extermination of all minorities.

Georgia Reveals 'Nazi U.S.' Goal Of Columbians

The News Birmingham, Ala.

Hitleric Methods Laid To Leaders In Report To Governor

Tues. 12-10-46

ATLANTA, Dec. 10 — (AP) — Atty. Gen. Eugene Cook said today that the State of Georgia had obtained evidence for criminal charges against several members of the anti-Negro, anti-Jewish Columbians who sought to establish a Nazi-like government in the United States.

In a formal report to Gov. Ellis Arnall, Cook summarized statements of state prosecutors and former members of the organization which he said would show that the Columbians, "through its officials and agents:

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"1. SYSTEMATICALLY PLAN to intimidate and injure members of minority religious and racial groups.

"2. Conspire to bring about the arrest of innocent Georgia citizens on false charges.

"3. Have arrested Georgia citizens.

"4. Assemble a prviate arsenal of deadly weapons.

"5. That Homer . . . Loomis (Columbian secretary), Emory Burke (Columbian president) and Ira Jett, as a consequence of a conspiracy between them, planned the bombing and did bomb a home at 333 Ashby Street, in the city of Atlanta, Fulton County, Ga.

"6. Corruptly influence the behavior of minor youths in such a way as to incite them toward the commission of crimes against the state of Georgia.

"7. By force, threats, duress and intimidation, have restrained home owners in Fulton County from the full and proper enjoyment of their property.

Cook called the governor's attention to statements of Loomis and Burke which he said would "show that their announced purpose, whether it is within the range of possibility or not, is to create a state of insurrection and to with force and arms suppress the rights of Georgia citizens."

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"IT IS VERY EVIDENT from the information and documents we have in hand that the philosophy and objectives of the Columbians are taken almost without change from the Nazi ideology," Cook's report said.

"We are able to supply evidence to show that at least three of the leaders of the Columbians have direct connections with persons of Nazi ideology and connections."

Lanier Waller, 21, of Atlanta, told newsmen he had turned state witness in the state's prosecution of the organization which is defending a charter revocation suit.

Waller said both he and James Ralph Childers, also of Atlanta, had given evidence linking a Columbian leader with purchase of dynamite to blast Negro houses.

Waller said he went with a Columbian leader "when he bought some dynamite" and that they previously had discussed whether "to burn the Negro's house or bomb them out" of houses in a white settlement.

Waller said he joined the Columbians because "I just naturally don't like Negroes." He said he withdrew from the organization when Secretary Homer L. Loomis "told me of plans to take over the country and be a dictator."

Waller said he and Childers then "took it on ourselves to find out what we could about the organization, which had expanded into an anti-Jewish group.

Both Waller and Childers revealed they went to New York Dec. 2 and had exposed "all secrets" of the Columbians to Prof. James H. Sheldon, administrative chairman of the Anti-Nazi League.

Waller said Sheldon had subsequently given all testimony to the Georgia state attorney general.

Grand Jury Studying Mass Of Evidence Against Columbians

The News Birmingham, Ala. Fri. 12-13-46

ATLANTA, Dec. 13—(AP)—A Fulton County Grand Jury began its study today of a mass of evidence collected against leaders of the uniformed Columbians, charged among other things with usurping police powers.

Included in the records will be the report of Renee Forrest, pretty blonde investigator for the Anti-Nazi League to Champion Human Rights, Inc., who obtained a job as a "secretary" at Columbian headquarters and proceeded to gather statements and photographs.

Emory C. Burke, thin-faced president of the Columbians, and Homer L. Loomis, Jr., organizer for the order, already have been indicted on charges of usurping the power of police.

Yesterday Burke swore out warrants, also charging police power usurpation, against Miss Forrest, Mario Buzzi, Anti-Nazi League investigator who assisted her in gathering evidence, and the league's administrative chairman, James H. Sheldon.

Burke contended that the three acted as detectives when they collected information which Atty. Gen. Eugene Cook said indicated the Columbians planned to seize control of the country and set up a Nazi form of government.

The 200-odd pages of sworn affidavits and documentary evidence gathered by Miss Forrest and Buzzi was turned over to Cook who, in turn, presented it to the Grand Jury.

The charges include alleged dynamiting of a Negro home, a plot to lynch prominent Georgians, drive out the Negro population and assume power by fostering racial

The slight Columbian leader previously had made bond on an indictment accusing him and others of the order with usurping the powers of police.

Homer L. Loomis, Jr., secretary-founder of the Columbians, has not surrendered under the indictment. *12-16-46*

Johnson said Burke made numerous telephone calls seeking a bondsman and Sunday afternoon had as a visitor Columbian Ira Jett, attorney, who has also been indicted on the explosives charge. Jett posted bond for himself Saturday.

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Bail Comes Hard for Columbian Hate Head

Monitor By Associated Press

ATLANTA, Dec. 16.—Columbian President Emory S. Burke him with riot ar was in Fulton County Jail vester- sion of dynamite

GEORGIA INVESTIGATION REVEALS DYNAMITE

The Times New York, N.Y. Wed. 12-11-46

Attorney General Eugene Cook (left) and Assistant Attorney General Dan Duke (second from left) examining several sticks of the explosive cache made known to them by Lanier Waller and Ralph Childers (left to right, respectively), former members of the Columbians, at a meeting in Mr. Cook's Atlanta office yesterday.

SAYS COLUMBIANS HAD OWN ARSENAL

The Times New York, N.Y.

Georgia Attorney General, in Report to Arnall, Asserts Nazi-Like Rule Was Aim

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 10—Attorney General Eugene Cook of Georgia, in an official report to Gov. Ellis Arnall, declared today thta the Columbians Inc., an anti-Jewish, anti-Negro organization, sought to establish a nazi-like government in America and that it had assembled a private arsenal.

He recommended national and state legislation to prevent the formation of such groups.

The attorney general and Dr. James H. Sheldon, administrative chairman of the Anti-Nazi League disclosed also at a press conference that two secret agents of the Anti-Nazi Leageu and two memebers of the Columbians who turned informants had provided details of alleged 'inside operations" of the Columbians. Wed. 12-11-46

Says Tiny Camera Got Evidence

Dr. Sheldon said his organization had been invited into the investigation by Daniel Duke, assistant attorney general, who is prosecuting the State's charter-revocation suits against both the Columbians and the Ku Klux Klan.

He said his undercover agents, one of them a blonde secretary with a camera the size of a cigarette lighter which she assertedly used in obtaining evidence, had established contact with the Columbian organization here through "an influential pro-German leader up East who is now under Federal indictment for sedition" and thereby gained entry to the Atlanta group's ranks.

Dr. Sheldon said these agents had succeeded in obtaining numerous records. He exhibited what he said was a membership book of the Columbians "which contains about 200 names of the inside members." He stated that in addition to this roster there was a file of the "three-dollar members."

Renee Forrest and Mario Buzzi, both of New York, were named as the Anti-Nazi League's agents. Miss Forrest and Mr. Buzzi were said to have persuaded Ralph Childers, 17, and Lanier Waller, 21, members of the Columbians, to fly to New York and make affidavits conecrning the Columbians' aims and activities.

State, city and Fulton (Atlanta) County law enforcement officers attended today's conference.

"Lynch List" Includes Notables

The Anti-Nazi League's agents and the Columbian informers said that the Columbians had a "lynch list" which assertedly included Representative Helen Douglas Mankin, Assistant Attorney General Duke and Ralph McGill, editor of The Atlanta Constitution.

Dr. Sheldon displayed a book allegedly listing telephone calls received by the Columbians from Atlantans urging them to come to specified neighborhoods and "chase out" certain people.

Dr. Sheldon also showed copies of various pro-Nazi publications and related alleged plans of the Columbians to issue their own publication, The Thunderbolt. This, he asid, was the name of a pro-Nazi publication in Canada.

He produced a German book which illustrated insignia of various German organizations, many of which he said featured the Thunderbolt insignia of the Columbians in one form or another.

A quantity of dynamite alleged to have been confiscated from Columbiain "stores" was also exhibited.

Affidavits and other evidence reported at the conference was turned over to Solicitor E. E. Andrews of Fulton County, who said that he would ask the grand jury to investigate.

Attorney General Cook's report to Governor Arnall, based on data from the Anti-Nazi League, accused the Columbians of systematically planning to intimidate and injure members of minority religious and racial groups; conspiring to bring about the arrest of innocent Georgia citizens on false charges; assembling a private arsenal of deadly weapons; bombing aa home in Atlanta; corruptly influencing minors to incite the commission of crimes, and restraining home owners "from the full and proper enjoyment of their property."

Stopped in Their Tracks

The Courier

Ignoring recent history, a group of money-hungry young bigots in Atlanta, Ga., incorporated a Nazi-like organization named The Columbians and proceeded to emulate the late and unlamented Adolf Hitler and his Brown Shirts on this side of the Atlantic. 32

Thanks to the efforts of alert liberal groups and the Attorney General of Georgia, these fellows did not get very far before running afoul of the law.

While they were free to work, however, they lost no time trying to drum up memberships and reputation in the Nazi manner. Pittsburgh, Pa.

Peaceful colored citizens were beaten and had their homes bombed.

Prominent white people were marked for similar treatment.

Wild threats were made against minority racial and religious groups. Sat. 12-21-46

The young leaders of the Columbians thought they were going places but they were stopped in their tracks after corraling a mere 500 members from among the two million white people of Georgia.

This would seem to indicate that despite the predictions of widespread race conflict during the post-war period which were so freely made before the Axis was defeated, the varied peoples of the United States are going to continue getting along pretty well together.

According to the propagandists, such an organization as The Columbians should have had tens of thousands of white people flocking to its standard, eager for a chance to strafe Negroes, Jews, Laborites and liberals, but actually when it tried its best it got nowhere, and the leading people in Georgia are denouncing it as bitterly as are those outside the State.

That this is indicative of a trend toward tolerance and liberalism seems certain when we recall by what a narrow margin Eugene Talmadge won the Democratic gubernatorial race in Georgia.

Leaders Arrested

The Courier

Charge Columbians Imitate Hitlerites

Pittsburgh, Pa.

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ATLANTA, Ga.—The Georgia Bureau of Investigation cracked down on the Columbians this week by arresting four leaders of the notorious organization, and they will be charged with committing a felony. Two other members of the hate group were nabbed Monday, accused of illegal possession of dynamite to be used to blow up homes occupied by Negroes.

Sat. 12-14-46

By JAMES E. BOYACK

ATLANTA, Ga.—James H. Sheldon, administrative chairman of the non-sectarian Anti-Nazi League, New York, told a roomful of reporters in the office of Attorney General Eugene Cook here Tuesday morning that the Columbians, Inc., may be accused of "seeking to seize political power in the United States through terroristic gangs."

In the presence of Cook, Assistant Attorney General Dan Duke and high city law enforcement officials, Sheldon reported the results of a three months' investigation of the anti-Negro and anti-Semetic organization, which reminded the reporter of the mysterious machinations of an E. Phillips Oppenheim novel.

LIST CHARGES

There was nothing mysterious about the 200 pages of sworn affidavits and voluminous documentary evidence which he placed in the hands of the Attorney General; nor in the charges he made against the "native Nazi" organization. He asserted that Homer L. Loomis Jr., executive secretary, and Emory C. Burke, president of Columbians, Inc., may be accused of:

1. Systematically planning to intimidate and injure members of minority religious and racial groups.
2. Conspiring to bring about the arrest of innocent Georgia citizens on false charges.
3. Assembling a private arsenal of deadly weapons, presumably for use in riots, or under other disorderly circumstances.
4. Planning to commit arson.
5. Corruptly influencing the behavior of minor youths in such a way as to incite toward the commission of crimes against the State of Georgia.
6. Restraining home owners in Fulton County from the full and proper enjoyment of their property.

SEEK TO SPREAD DISUNITY

Sheldon asserted that the Columbians, Inc. are attempting to establish in the United States a private police force, similar in organization and objectives to Adolph Hitler's infamous Elite Guard, or SS Storm Troopers.

He also pointed out that their beginnings and the Beer Hall platform has been adopted in toto from Hitler's theory of an and racial superiority, in dated and deliberate effort disunity in our Nation.

"Actually, they are organizing in the hope of one day developing into a determining and possible decisive national political force ob viously inspired by Hitler's early "These two young men spent the past week in our offices, in New York, rendering every assistance in correlating and assembling the evidence, and constructing a detailed report of the activities of Loomis and Burke," he explained.

Columbians Pick Meeting Hall Lock

Montgomery, Ala.

ATLANTA, Nov. 21.—(AP)—Leaders of the Columbians, anti-Negro, anti-Jewish Organization, at some weeks League repre- record of the activities of Loomis in becoming and Burke," he explained.

tonight hired a locksmith to open the door to their rented meeting hall which had been locked against them by its labor union owners. Tri. 11-22-46

Members of the organization were chased from the small hall last Thursday night by a tear gas bomb tossed through the window. This incident led the Plumbers and Steamfitters Union to declare their lease had been breached and the hall would be denied them.

Columbian President Emory Burke and Secretary Homer L. Loomis, Jr., declared that "we acted within our rights" in having the door opened because of their lease to use the hall.

Union Business Agent Ben L. Brantley said later he had no comment on the Columbians' action but that "we'll see what can be done about it tomorrow." Earlier he had said the union intended to seek a restraining order prohibiting the organization from using the hall.

Burke blamed the lockout and other "persecutions" of the organization on pressure from Jewish people "to crush this movement."

Citing the fact that the Columbians had been called a "hate group," Loomis said "it is not un-American to hate—everyone in America is free to hate."

He said he had recently called on the U. S. Department of Justice in Washington "to get them to tell the police here they could be prosecuted for persecuting us." He did not say what the department's reaction to his request was.

Georgia After Columbians As Hitler's Apers

The Advertiser Montgomery, Ala. Wed. 12-11-46

Attorney General Sends Formal Charges To Fulton's Grand Jury

By PAUL SIMMONS

ATLANTA, DEC. 10.—(AP)—A charge that leaders of the local Columbians, Inc., sought by terrorism and hate, "obviously inspired by Hitler's early beginnings," to seize power in this country and set up a Nazi-form of government was made today by Georgia Atty. Gen. Eugene Cook.

After disclosing his file to newsmen, Cook notarized it and transmitted it to Gov. Ellis Arnall as an official act of the state. The record, compiled with the aid of the non-sectarian anti-fascist League of New York, contained charges of dynamiting a Negro home, a plot to "beat up or lynch" prominent Georgians, drive out the Negro population and grab power by fostering racial hates.

Solisitor General E. E. Andrews, one of a dozen or more prosecutors and police officers who heard the disclosures, immediately announced that the evidence would be presented to the grand jury Friday and "prosecuted vigorously."

"A Pack of Lies"

President Emory Burke, of the anti-Negro, anti-Jewish Columbians could not be reached for comment but Secretary Homer L. Loomis, Jr., said the attorney general's charges were "A pack of lies."

Loomis, located at Columbian Headquarters, said "I am surprised at the charges."

More than 200 pages of sworn affidavits and documentary evidence gathered by the Anti-Fascist League was turned over to Cook by league administrative chairman, James H. Sheldon, and incorported in his report. Much of this material was obtained, Sheldon said, by league investigators who by posing Fascist leanings "immediately gained the confidence of Columbian leaders."

One of the investigators was blonde and strikingly - pretty Renee Forrest of New York, who reported that she gained entree as a "secretary" at Columbian headquarters. With the help of the other investigator, Mario Buzzi, the report said, Miss Forrest soon won over two Columbian members.

Two Prize Witnesses

These two, James R. Childers, former lunchstand waiter and wearer of a Columbian "medal of honor," and Lanier Waller, ex-Marine, were flown secretly to New York a week ago to help build up the league's file against the order.

Describing themselves as "former suckers," they were at the attorney general's office to bolster their sworn statements to the league. Childers said that when his membership into the Columbians was solicited he was asked three questions: "Do you hate Negroes? Do you hate Jews? Do you have $3." He said he then was given the khaki Columbian uniform and its "thunderbolt insignia."

Report of Evidence

On the basis of this information and other obtained by Duke with the help of local officers, Cook summarized in his report to the Governor that the evidence would show that the Columbians:

"1. Systematically plan to intimidate and injure members of minority religious and racial groups. Montgomery, Ala.

"2. Conspire to bring about the arrest of innocent Georgia citizens on false charges.

"3. Have arrested Georgia citizens. The Advertiser

'4. Assemble a private arsenal

"5. That Homer L. Loomis, Emory Burke and Ira Jett, as a consequence of a conspiracy between them, planned the bombing and did bomb a home at 333 Ashby Street, in the City of Atlanta, Moulton County, Georgia.

"6. Corruptly influence the behavior of minor youths in such a way to incite them toward the Commission of Crimes against the State of Georgia. Wed. 12-11-46

"7. By force, threats, duress and intimidation, have restrained home owners in Fulton County (Atlanta) from the full and proper enjoyment of their property."

The attorney general said Burke and Loomis had a "definitely laid plan" to establish branches of the Columbians in Indiana and Oklahoma. He described the creed of the Columbians as an attempt to incite hatred against the Negro in the South, the Jews in big cities, Mexicans in the Southwest, and Orientals on the West Coast.

COLUMBIANS CALL INQUIRY ILLEGAL

Get Warrants Alleging Sheldon, 2 Anti-Nazi League Agents Usurped Police Power

The Times

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

ATLANTA, Dec. 12 — Emory Burke, president of the anti-Jewish, anti-Negro Columbians, Inc., obtained warrants today against Dr. James H. Sheldon, administrative chairman of the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League, and two of the league's undercover agents.

The warrants alleged violation of two sections of the Georgia code dealing with persons acting as peace officers without proper authority and with persons who are not residents of Georgia carrying on the functions of investigators or detectives.

Dr. Sheldon and the two agents who investigated the Columbians made public Tuesday a report on the alleged activities and aims of the Columbians through the office of Eugene Cook, Attorney General of Georgia. New York, N.Y.

The Georgia code sections, on which the warrants were based, are similar to those under which Mr. Burke and Homer L. Loomis, Jr., secretary of the Columbians, were indicted recently. The county grand jury charged them with usurping the powers of peace officers. Fri. 12-13-46

The three warrants taken out today were for "Renee Fruchtbum, alias Renee Forrest; Mario Buzzi, alias Gino Falcon, and Jacob Shappiro, alias Dr. James H. Sheldon."

Miss Forrest is the blond secretary who joined the Columbians along with Mr. Buzzi to obtain inside information on the order for the Anti-Nazi League. This data was turned over to Mr. Cook.

After the warrants were issued, deputies with service copies went to the office of the County Solicitor General, where the three league aides were reported to be in conference. 12-13-46

The deputies also held two assault warrants obtained by a Columbian member, Ira Jett, against Mr. Buzzi. He was accused of ripping off Mr. Jett's sleeve in an alleged altercation in a hotel Tuesday night.

It developed, however, that Mr. Buzzi and Dr. Sheldon were not in the city. A spokesman for the League promised officials that Miss Forrest would be available to be served, and that the other two would be in Atlanta soon for resumption of the Grand Jury's inquiry into the Columbians.

Sheldon Going to Atlanta

Mr. Sheldon, in an interview at the league's offices, 165 West Forty-sixth Street, yesterday, asserted that he would return to Atlanta today to resume his legal battle against the Columbians and to challenge the warrant issued against him.

Herman Hoffman, chairman of the league, praised Atlanta and Georgia officials for their action against the Columbians, then said:

"What has happened in Atlanta, fantastic as it may be, is being laid as groundwork for similar action in many of our principal cities.

"I intend immediately as head of the league to call on and appoint a committee of outstanding leaders of the bar to join with me in formulating and obtaining the enactment of adequate State and Federal legislation that will be airtight and not leave any loopholes for those threatening once again to destroy what we have won in the tragic war."

Columbians Kingpin Has Led Bizarre Existence

Defender Chicago, Ill Sat. 11-30-46

By LILLIAN SCOTT

(Defender New York Bureau)

NEW YORK — The self-styled leader of Atlanta's Columbians, Inc., Homer L. Loomis Jr., has always led a bizarre, fantastic existence which featured among other madcap escapades, forcing a bride to read weird tales on a honeymoon.

When newsmen in Atlanta talked to Loomis after the sudden rise of his Klan-like organization, he insisted he was a former Princeton University student and that his family lives in New York City. Investigation here proved that to be true, and further revealed that the father of the leader of the anti-Jewish, anti-Negro organization is a prominent Wall Street lawyer who graduated from Harvard university in 1909.

Loomis Jr., son of the rich, made his first headlines, Dec. 16, 1935, when the New York Daily Mirror headlined "Runaway At Dawn Stirs '400.'" According to records in Armonk Village, Westchester County, New York, Homer L. Loomis married Laura Hampton Hover of Santa Monica, Calif. The Mirror wrote: "He is the son of the social peerage—Mr. and Mrs. Homer L. Loomis of 470 Park ave., are his parents—and regarded as one of the season's 'greatest catches.'"

Early Separation

The elopement would have been much like any other, but the couple separated shortly after the ceremony with the bride charging that her 21-year-old groom was being held prisoner by his parents.

Later in 1937 the bride returned to California and received an annulment there. Only then did she reveal that her groom was what one newspaper termed a "mental murder student." The details of his first elopement became public property when Loomis married again, this time a socially prominent New York girl.

The New York Daily News for July 29, 1939 stated: "Homer L. Loomis Jr., Park Avenue heir, whose Armonk elopement with Laura Hampton Hover, beautiful Californian, was annulled recentloud a study in 'mental murder' son their one-day honeymoon, has

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TEARS OF HATE

Defender Chicago, Ill. Sat. 11-30-46

Columbians, Inc., storm troopers (wearing Nazi SS insignia) and supporters of non-uniform rank mingle tears of bitter frustration with those caused by effect of tear gas fumes, as recent hate rally in Atlanta is broken up. Bomb was tossed through window of hall where fascist order was meeting, sending members weeping into streets. Before hall was cleared, leader dashed to open window and shouted, "We'll get you yet." State of Georgia is currently prosecuting one member for inciting to riot, and has begun proceedings to revoke charter.

HISTORY REPEATS

Leaders of Columbians Seem To Forget Mussolini, Hitler, Et Al—and So Do We

The Courier Pittsburgh Pa.

By BENJAMIN E. MAYS

(The views expressed in this column are those of the writer and do not necessarily express the editorial opinion of The Pittsburgh Courier.—The Editors)

Sat. 12-14-46

ATLANTA is a city of contradictions. Good things are here and evil things are here. Educationally it is the Athens of the South. The Commission on Interracial Cooperation was born here. For many years it was the headquarters of the Ku Klux Klan. Now it is the home of the Columbians who boast of being much worse than the Ku Klux Klan ever dared to be. The Columbians, too are anti-Negro, anti-Jewish and anti-Catholic. They are defying the law and the courts. They are attempting to take the law into their own hands by terrorizing Negroes and prohibiting them from moving into homes they have legitimately bought and paid for. They are threatening Negro servants who work and live in white neighborhoods. Thanks to Chief of Police Hornsby, things seem to be definiately under control. But it will take eternal vigilance on the part of the police department. It is also fortunate that the press and the pulpit have been on the job and have spoken out in strong terms against these Hitlers.

Mr. Mays

But the Columbians are not to be taken lightly. Hitler was taken lightly and at first he was a joke to the people. He did not remain a joke for long. In a relatively short time, he was the most powerful man in the world. He finally plunged the whole world into war. Hitler is dead, but Hitlerism lives in this country and abroad. The forces of good cannot afford to sleep nor be complacent.

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NAPOLEON, the Kaiser, Hitler, Mussolini, and other man men have had their wild dreams of power and conquest. They all failed. They succeeded for a while and then went down to eternal defeat. This is the record of history. It is the inevitable result when men violate the laws of justice and right which I am convinced are inherent in the nature of the universe itself. It cannot be otherwise.

And yet, how strange it is to find that some men model their lives after Napoleon, the Ceasars, the Kaiser and Hitler. It seems that men would model their lives after men who succeeded in doing what they set out to do. It all adds up to the belief that each person who goes out to seize power and to gain conquest believes that he can succeed where his predecessor failed. It is the criminal mind in men. Every criminal or thief commits his crime or steals, thinking that he can get away with it. Hitler thought he was wiser than the Kaiser and wiser than Napoleon. But the same fate that befell them befell Hitler.

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MPSSOLINI was hanged by his countrymen, body spat upon, buried in a pauper's grave. He died in disgrace with his mistress. Hitler apparently committeed suicide, along with his mistress. They both failed. And yet, within a few months of their death and defeat, we have men in this country aping Hitler and Mussolini. The fact that these men died ignobly means nothing to the men who make up the Ku Klux Klan and the Columbians.

But there is an element of tragedy in history. It is true that all the men mentioned above failed. It is equally true that millions of people suffer because of these bad men. Yes, Germany was defeated and Hitler killed himself to escape being killed. But Hitler brought more agony to the world than any man who has ever lived. He slaughtered more Jews than any man in history. This is the irony and tragedy of history.

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IT ALL MEANS that humanity is so tied together than the good suffers and dies along with the bad. The evil of bad men cannot be overcome or atoned for unless we are able to profit by the mistakes of history and build a better society so that bad men will not be able to destroy every civilization that rises. Since science has made living on earth so dangerous and since it has made the world one small community, it is imperative that we fashion men in the image of God, rather than in the image of the Devil, and do it with lightning speed. People who believe in decency must be as determined to win decently as those who believe in Nazi methods are determined to win hell and destruction. So we cannot sit with complacent heads, expecting the world to evolve gradually into goodness. We must fight incessantly and tenaciously for a decent world.

But back to the Columbians. The thing that gives us pause and concern is the fast that the Superior Court of Fulton County would charter an organization whose implied purpose is anti-Negro, anti-Jewish and anti-Catholic. The purpose, as stated in the charter, is: "To encourage our people to think in terms of race, Nation and faith, and to work for a national moral reawakening, in order to build a progressive white community that is bound together by a deep spiritual consciousness of the past and determination to share a common future"!

It would have been easier not to grant the charter than it is to revoke it.

GEORGIA EDITORS SAY:

The Constitution Atlanta, Ga.

WHY COLUMBIANS?

(Banks County Journal)

Tammany has had an organization named "Columbians" many years, but it is no enemy of Negroes and Jews. The organization sprung up in Atlanta, calling itself Columbians. Must have named it for Columbus. According to news report the organization only has a few hundred members and they are Jew and Negro haters. We can't understand why an organization bearing that name would fight Jews, because Christopher Columbus came from a family of converted Jews. Makes no difference what religious belief his people had accepted, he was still a Jew, just the same, when he discovered this country. Fri. 11-29-46

SOCIAL ACTION vs. ANTI-RACIALISM

Defender Chicago, Ill.

The existence in the South of another violently anti-racial society known as the Columbians, Inc., must be viewed with alarm by those of us who have been watching the rapidly developing pattern of fascism in Dixie. The Columbian legion which seeks to make America a "one race" nation was ordered last week by the Superior Court of Atlanta, Ga., to show cause why its charter should not be revoked. This action was brought by the Assistant Attorney General Dan Duke who is also pressing his fight to outlaw the Ku Klux Klan.

The roots of these anti-Jewish and anti-Negro organizations are so far down into the consciousness of the people that it will require more than court action to destroy them. Sat. 11-23-46

No doubt the South is developing new leaders among the enlightened whites of the type of Governor Ellis Arnall, and this gives some comfort to those of us who believe in true democracy. But this type of leadership, however praiseworthy, is yet lacking in vigor and buoyancy to stem the ever-growing tide of racial apathy. What is needed is a form of educational, moral propaganda aimed specifically at retrieving the soul of the South from the mud and mire of race prejudice.

Let the people of the South realize that they have in Northern capitalists which exploit their labor and in race prejudice which limits their economic and social horizon—two of the most powerful enemies that are keeping the South spiritually and economically improvished. While court actions against all anti-American organizations are splendid, they must be implemented by social action which alone can ultimately bring about the necessary moral regeneration to remove the South from its present unenviable position.

Stir in Columbias, Inc.

The News and Courier Charleston, S.C.

A "dare say" of The (Columbia) State is that "other Columbias" in the United States "join with the citizens of Columbia, South Carolina, in wishing that an organization in Atlanta", where Ellis Arnall's reign is now drawing to a glorious close, "would have chosen some other name than Columbians, Inc." The name of the somewhat capital city of South Carolina ("somewhat" since the power is divided with Barnwell and Walterboro) could be changed and perhaps should be. It is and always has been want-

Wed. 12-4-46

Atlanta Indicts 3 Columbians

The Courier Pittsburgh, Pa.

ATLANTA — (ANP)—The Fulton County Grand Jury last week returned three indictments against grand jury investigation by City anti-Negro and anti-Jewish organization, on charges growing connection with the bearing of out of racial disturbances in various sections of the city. James R. Childers, 17-year-old youth, who was bound over for Recorder A. W. Calloway, was indicted for rioting, a felony, in Clifford Hines, ON FIVE COUNTS

Emory Burke, president of the Columbians, and Homer L. Loomis, secretary of the hate group, were charged with misdemeanor offenses—usurping police authority—on five separate counts.

Specifically, Loomis and Burke were charged with using police tactics to patrol areas on Garibaldi and Formwalt Streets, borderline housing areas; conducting an investigation of an alleged attack on a white woman, and warning a Negro resident against disturbing a white Garibaldi Street resident. Sat. 11-30-46

In a resolution, adopted unanimously Monday, the Atlanta Junior Chamber of Commerce pledged its full support to put forward efforts to combat the Columbians, Inc.

Brother Hits Defender Columbians Head's Policy

Chicago, Ill.

By LILLIAN SCOTT

NEW YORK — Homer Loomis' hate program was strongly denounced by his brother, Fletcher Loomis, in a statement by the latter to the Chicago Defender here last week. Sat. 12-21-46

Fletcher Loomis said: "We are definitely estranged and there's nothing I want to do about it. I'm on my own—I want to live my own life." Then he said that he was writing his stand but it would not be in the form of a newspaper statement. He feels that he can do much to counteract the effect of his brother's actions by completing his written work but would not reveal what form it would take.

Brothers Separated

When he was asked if he agreed with the program of the Columbians, his brother's Ku Klux Klan-like organization, he said they had become estranged "over those very things, those very ideas." Obviously nervous and tense, Homer Loomis' younger brother spoke rapidly but was particularly courteous in his replies.

The Defender also talked last week to a well-known society woman close to the Loomis family who asked that she not be named. Speaking frankly she called Homer Loomis "a spoiled brat" and blamed his late mother for too great indulgence of the Loomis boys in their youth.

She recalled that Homer had always been "an extremist" as was evident, she felt, when he staged a sleep-in strike at a New York night club for three days in the mid-thirties. She said that the Loomis boys did not have even the justification of "economic resentment" for their wild escapades as they were always rich.

She termed Homer highly "erratic" and said his father, a wealthy Wall Street lawyer, was also of the same temperament although he had always contended that the boys should be more disciplined. Loomis Sr.'s attitude and his wife's fierce protective attitude toward everything the boys did right or wrong often led to friction between them." Mrs. Loomis died three years ago, but had she not, her friend felt Homer's latest deeds would have made her die of a "broken heart."

The friend of the Loomis family recalled that Homer had written glowing letters home to his wife of the Nazi regime while he served in Germany during the war. It seemed to make like little difference to him that the army of which he was a part had decisively defeated the Germans.

Prosecutor Slugs Columbians' Chief

The Afro-American

Allusion to Colored Blood Riles Dan Duke

Baltimore, Md.

ATLANTA—Peppery Dan Duke, assistant attorney general, made irate at the needling of Emory C. Burke, leader of the anti-Jewish, anti-colored Columbians, in the courtroom of Judge E. J. Pomeroy, knocked him to the floor with one blow over the eye, Saturday. Sat

"In view of the fact that the Columbians and other subversive groups have been abusing me, telling falsehoods on me, I couldn't restrain myself," Duke said. 11-30-46

He added that "they have told that I and other Georgia citizens are part colored which is a bald-faced falsehood."

Bigots Swallow Pride

The blow was a high-point in the session at which the Columbians obtained a six-day postponement of the State suit to revoke its charter.

In a gesture of defiance, the Columbians first besmirched and tore up a copy of their charter, mailing it to Governor Ellis Arnall. Upon reconsideration, however, they are trying to hold on to it. Ga. Afro-American

"Dad blame it, I've taken all I can from you," Duke shouted as he walloped Burke, opening an inch-long cut over his face and sending him sprawling. Burke arose, his face bleeding, to tell Duke, "You'll answer for this."

Mr. Duke, who also was the prosecutor of the suit against the Ku Klux Klan, told the judge, "I am sorry that I was unable to control myself." Baltimore, Md

Passes Lie to Columbians

Previously during a heated argument over the suit, the firey assistant prosecutor had called Phil W. Davis, counsel for the Columbians, a "bald-faced liar."

After Duke had apologized to Judge Pomeroy for what had happened when he struck Burke, the judge refused to punish him for contempt of court.

The jurist said he would take no cognizance of it because his back was turned and he didn't see any of it. Sat. 11-30-46

'Inside' Columbian Story Awaited

The Constitution Atlanta, Ga.

By KELLER McCARTNEY

The "inside activities" of the brown - shirted Columbans, Inc., are expected to be revealed today at a conference between Police Chief Hornsby, Fultn Solicitor General Andrews, Attorney General Cook and others who for the last several weeks have conducted a quiet investigation of the anti-Negro, anti-Jew order.

Although no official announcement of the conference was made, it was understood at the State Capitol the meeting would be held at 10 a. m. in the office of Atty. Gen. Cook. Thurs. 12-10-46

Brown-shirted Columbians were seen going into the office of Dan Duke, Assistant Attorney General, all during the day yesterday, along with a number of other persons. Sources at the State Capitol said these persons gave signed statements upon which the information given out today will be based.

Investigators also brought a quantity of dynamite into the attorney general's office. This was said to have been part of the explosives used in blasting Negro houses and also was said to have been mentioned in the signed statements.

Atlanta police have recorded numerous instances in recent months where Negro homes in areas adjacent to those of white persons have been blasted with explosives. However, as yet none of the city investigations have resulted in arrests.

Reports at the State Capitol also indicated investigators had found where the dynamite was purchased and had obtained statements from the sellers. These same sources also said the explosives were not found at the Bartow Street headquarters.

Included in the plans, it was said, were instructions to "beat up" Ralph McGill, editor of The Constitution, and Duke, who was assigned by Gov. Arnall to seek revocation of the Columbian charter, along with the charter of the Ku Klux Klan.

Members of the order also were quoted as saying they had been instructed in the means of "dealing with Negroes." Some reports claimed Columbians had been told to carry knives, which, in the event a Negro was killed, could be dropped at the scene to indicate self-defense.

Thes park plug in the undercover probe was said to be Prof. James H. Sheldon, of New York, Chairman of the Non Sectarian Anti-Nazi League.

Representatives of Prof. Sheldon arrived in Atlanta 10 days ago, it was reported, and carried back with them many of the Columbian records, along with two Columbians.

The two youthful members were said to have signed statements in New York and information gained from these statements opened the way for an intensive local investiga[illegible].

Columbian Leader Takes Out Warrants For Three Accusers

Daily World Atlanta, Ga.

Fri. 12-13-46

Emory C. Burke, president of Columbians, Inc., and his attorney Thursday against the chairman and two undercover agents of the Anti-Nazi League who exposed Tuesday a report on the activities of the anti-Jew and anti Negro group.

The warrants were based on sections of Georgia code similar to those sections under which Homer L. Loomis, organizer of the Columbians was indicted recently by the Fulton grand jury. Loomis was charged with usurping the powers of the peace officers.

Warrants were taken out for Renee Frutchbum, alias Renee Forrest, Mario Bus Buzzi, alias Gino Falco and Jacob Shappiro, alias Dr. James H. Sheldon.

Immediately after the warrants were sworn Deputy Marshals J. L. Windsor and E. E. Schenck waited with service copies and stood outside the office of Solicitor General E .E. Andrews where the three Anti Nazi League members were reported to be in conference.

However, it developed that Buzzi and Dr. Sheldon had left for New York before the warrants weer issued. A spokesman for the Anti-Nazi League said Miss Forrest, who was still in Atlanta would be available Thursday afternoon and that Buzzi and Dr. Sheldon would return to the city Friday to be present for the grand jury'e investigation of the Columbians.

FANTASTIC SCHEMING UNCOVERED

Daily World Atlanta, Ga. Wed. 12-11-46

Confessions Are Obtained By Anti-Nazi League

The fantastic scheme of the Columbians, Inc., to ultimately take over the government of the United States in typical Hitler-like fashion was disclosed Tuesday morning, when Attorney Eugene Cook made availiable to newsmen copies of the confessions of two youthful members of the hate order.

The confessions signed by James Ralph Childers, 18, and Laner Waller, 21, were made to Prof. James H. Shelton, administrative chairman of the non-sectarian anti-Nazi league, in New York City on December 3 and 4, the Attorney General stated.

REVEAL TERROR TACTICS

The notarized confessions uncovered the terror tactics of the Columbians, Inc., which were to be first directed at Negroes, then at Jews and later at other minority groups. The signed documents incriminated the leaders of the Columbians in a conspiracy to dynamite and burn homes of Negroes.

In his confession, Childers quoted Homer L. Loomis, Jr., secretary of the order as saying that sufficient weapons and ammunition was on hand to blow the Negroes up in Atlanta and indicated that letters had been received from Germany regarding plans to send arms and ammunition to this country.

Childlers quoted Emory Burke, president of the Columbians as saying that the order was using hatred of Negroes as a wedge to gain the sympathy of white people and intimated that when they got in control the Columbians would go on from there.

"Of course, the Negroes and Jews would just have to be shot at," Childers' statement continued, and then he indicated that after all Negroes were eliminated, the Columbians "would be the dictators of the United States."

Another startling revelation was a statement to the effect that the bombing of the residence of Miss Minnie Sibley, at 333 Ashby Street, S. W., in the Sells Avenue-Ashby Street tension area was allegedly planned by Loomis, Burke and Ira Jett. The dynamite explosion rocked the Ashby Street dwelling and damaged the porch and windows.

Attorney General Cook said Tuesday that the Fulton County grand jury would be asked for additional indictments against Burke and Loomis as a result of the confessions of Childers and Waller.

"DIDN'T LIKE NEGROES"

In his confession Waller said, "I joined at first because I naturally didn't like Negroes. I fell hook, line and sinker for them because of that. But then when I heard Loomis talk about his plans to take over the country and be a dictator, I changed right quick and started looking for a chance to get out."

He indicated that Anti-Nazi League flew him and Childers to New York last week and brought them back last weekend.

Following the meeting, Solicitor General E. E. Andrews took the documents and statements under study, and said he would present the evidence to the Fulton County grand jury at its next session Friday, and some of her findings were included in the report on the order to get dope on the organization for the Governor Arnall by Attorney General Cook.

It also came to light, Tuesday, that Miss Renee Forrest who attended the Columbian meeting to sponsible for getting Childers and Waller to make their statements. Anti-Nazi League was directly re-

Miss Forrest took notes in short-

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SECRET AGENTS

Defender

Aid Hate Expose

Chicago, Ill. Sat. 12-21-46

(Defender Staff Correspondent)

ATLANTA—Prima facie evidence of a fascist plot by the Columbians, Inc., to take over the government in a daring coup, and purge all Negroes and Jews, was brought to light here last week by undercover agents who turned their findings over to Atty. Gen. Eugene Cook.

Details of the proposed "putsch," called the most formidable and realistic yet exposed, were uncovered by members of the Anti-Nazi League to Champion Human Rights. Atty. Gen. Cook praised the league and its agents for obtaining evidence which will be used in criminal proceedings against the hate order.

On the heels of the disclosure, a Fulton County grand jury indicted Homer Loomis and Emory Burke for illegal possession of dynamite. They are already under indictment for other hate activities.

Girl Heads Expose

Blonde Renee Forrest, a league investigator obtained a job as secretary at Columbians' headquarters, and began collecting photographs and statements. She was assisted by Mario Buzzi and Dr. James H. Sheldon, both league members.

Cook's report, based on statements by Ralph Childers, 17, and Lanier Waller, 21, charges the Columbians with: (1) Planning to intimidate racial and religious minorities; (2) Conspiring to bring about arrest of innocent citizens; (3) Having Georgia citizens arrested; (4) Assembling a private arsenal; (5) Bombing a home at 333 Ashby st., Atlanta; (6) Influencing minors to commit crimes; and (7) Restraining home owners from full enjoyment of their property.

Confiscate Dynamite Defender

The state confiscated several sticks of dynamite, similar to that used in the bombing of Goldsmith Sibley's home recently. Testimony before the grand jury indicated that the Columbians encouraged Negroes to move into mixed neighborhoods in order to create "incidents." After disorders, the hate order planned to buy homes back at half price. Chicago, Ill.

Childers and Waller, the two Columbians turned informer, were taken to New York by Miss Forrest where they willingly made confessions. They returned to Atlanta later and made statements before Atty. Gen. Cook. Childers was awarded an honor medal recently for leading an attack on a defenseless Negro. Both he and Waller are now under heavy protective guard in an Atlanta hotel. Sat. 12-21-46

Tear Gas Bomb Routs Columbian Hate Meeting

Defender Chicago, Ill. Sat. 11-23-46

ATLANTA — Tear gas broke up a session of the Columbians Inc., last week and drove nearly 500 of the sheep-like tools of international reaction into the street.

Emory Burke, president of the anti-Negro, anti-Jewish organization and self admitted fascist rabble-rouser identified as a former associate of the German Bund and world fascist leaders, immediately blamed "Communists" for the incident.

Rushing to the shattered window which overlooks an alley, he shouted, "we'll get you yet."

Reverse Charter Stand

During the meeting, which was disrupted before Burke reached the Negro issue, he had told fellow members and numerous civic leaders who had intended to challenge speakers on their "patriotic aims" that the society would reverse its previous stand and fight for the preservation of their corporate charter. Last week, amid hoarse cheers, Burke had ripped the charter to shreds, his way of flouting the state suit now underway to revoke the organization's charter. He had said that the group of hate mongers needed no charter to operate, and that it would function as a political outfit.

Meanwhile, the Fulton County Grand Jury ordered representatives of the Columbians behind closed doors as an official investigation of their activities opened.

Burke also revealed during his speech that he had sent two uniformed members to visit Editor Ralph McGill of the Atlanta Constitution to "talk with him about the things he had been printing." One of the representatives, according to reports, was Ralph Childers, charged with inciting to riot after he was accused of complicity in beating a Negro youth two weeks ago. The youths threatened to "fix" McGill unless he ceased criticizing the organization.

Reports Interview

Reporting the interview in his column, McGill said:

". . . They were just illiterate and uninformed enough to be taken in by smart operators who prey on suckers. Defender

"I felt that I somehow had failed the young Columbians, who have paid $3 for the privilege of hating. I and others in America have failed in some degree so long as social bitterness lies like a dark, stagnant lake in every city, breeding evil and ugly things from its rank waters.

"When they threatened too much, I ordered them out. They turned at the door for one of those Hitler stares . . ." Chicago, Ill.

At almost the same time Solicitor General E. E. Andrews indicated that he would ask a special grand jury to indict leaders of the Columbians. Sat. 11-23-46

"Our investigation shows these fellows are patrolling streets, making investigations and having people call them instead of the police," he declared. "We're just not going to have that sort of thing."

Dan Duke, Esq., Qualifies

The News and Courier

An assistant attorney general of Georgia, D. Duke by name, felled with a mighty fist that would command the respect of Joe Louis, Esq., one Emory C. Burke of the "anti-negro, anti-Jewish Columbians, Inc.", in the Fulton county jail, which is in the capital city Atlanta, residence of E. Arnall, Esq., a governor believed to be anti-Bilbonian. The enforcer of law with fist, Dan Duke, Esq., the press dispatch quotes as explaining that a remark of Burke, Esq. he, the said Duke, "interpreted as intended to imply that he was not an Anglo-Saxon American." It therefore follows that this terrible, we would say "Herculean" save that Hercules was a Greek, foe of the Columbians, Inc. would interpret as an insult a remark implying that he was a Frenchman, Greek, Spaniard, celtic Irishman, Highland Scotsman, Jew, Italian, Czech, or Russian, they not being of Anglo-Saxon blood. The News and Courier is not of the opinion that Americans of Anglo-Saxon blood have a monopoly of the virtues. Indeed, it opines that the Dutch blood of the late Franklin Delano Roosevelt was good blood. Dan Duke, assistant attorney general and Anglo-Saxon, without quite knowing it seems to have qualified for membership in the Columbians, Inc. "Anglo-Saxon" blood is German, though not Prussian. The News and Courier proclaims and acclaims Dan Duke, Esq., grand chieftain of Georgia's Aryans. Colonel Duke later has made it plain that he was resenting what he thought was an implication that he had negro blood in his veins and arteries. Nevertheless, when he emphasizes or exploits himself as "Anglo-Saxon" he betrays a thought that others not of that lineage are his inferiors. The proud boaster of "Anglo-Saxonism" is necessarily casting aspersion on Italians, Greeks, French, Jews, descendants of the Princess Pocahontas and others as well upon the Afro-Americans.

Charleston, S. C. Wed 11-27-46

HAROLD MARTIN

The Constitution

Memo to Diplomats: Learn From Girl Scouts

Atlanta, Ga. Sun. 12-1-46

On the same day the papers were full of the story of the Columbians and a little child was shown wearing the uniform of an organization based on hate, a new troop of the Girl Scouts unfurled its friendly banner to the winds of a troubled world. There were no photographers and reporters there to hear them, by candlelight, with hands upraised, pledge that they would try very hard to do their duty to God and their country, to help other people at all times, and to obey the laws of their order.

They didn't raise up their hands and swear that they would hate anything, or anybody. They promised to uphold certain simple laws based on certain simple, fundamental things—laws that speak of loyalty, of courtesy, of helpfulness, of obedience, of friendliness, of cleanliness in thought and word and deed. They spoke their vows very seriously, with the wide-eyed, believing earnestness of little girls when they take part in something solemn and beautiful.

Sincerity Standing up very bravely in their new uniforms of green, with their new green berets set very straight on their heads and their new yellow kerchiefs tied just so, they sang a song to the Flag which started with a beautiful, ringing line—"Oh beautiful banner all splendid with stars" . . . and another song which spoke of other little girls, in other lands, believing, too, in being helpful and friendly, and courteous to other people. There was nothing that said they should just be helpful and friendly and courteous to the people they knew and went to school with, but to ALL people, wherever they were, however they dressed, whatever their religious beliefs and their social customs. 12-1-46

Then they vowed to uphold their laws, that were made not just for them, living in this country, but for people in other countries, too—a sort of international code of conduct for youth of all lands. And it was a matter of pride to know that these laws, and the idea for this whole organization based on friendship and understanding between all peoples, was born in Georgia, in the mind of a Savannah girl named Juliette Low, who years ago conceived and founded the organization which since has gone around the world, so that now, in many countries, little children promise to uphold the same principles. Constitution Sun.

Beliefs And as they spoke their 10 laws, it was easy to understand the basic idea that was behind them all—the belief that "You do not spend your life in a little corner all by yourself where you can do just as you please, whenever you please. You live in a world with many other human beings, of all ages, of many colors and many creeds and nationalities. And you have to learn to understand them and work with them." Atlanta, Ga.

It is such a simple faith—so full of truth and so broad of application—it is surprising that nations and their diplomats should not try to remember it, and apply it, in their relations with other nations. Maybe some time they will, to the greater happiness of us all. For wasn't it written long, long ago—that a little child shall lead them?

Insignia of Columbians

TO THE EDITOR OF THE NEW YORK TIMES:

I noticed the picture of those four "Columbians" in your edition of Nov. 3. There is one little detail that deserves our closest attention: Those men use a shoulder patch that bears a suspiciously close resemblance to some emblems which we have learned to know only too well during our stay in Germany. If that so-called "flash" is cut in two, you have the emblem of the infamous SS and the Hitler-Youth.

When one considers the ideas which inspire the "Columbians" then the choice of this emblem cannot be viewed as an accident. It would be a highly important matter to find out who are the real backers of this brazen fascist attempt to conquer America by fear and disruption.

GEORGE A. FEBL

New York, Nov. 3, 1946 Times

For A' That Constitution

Editor Constitution: Allow me to congratulate Harold Martin on his very splendid article in today's Constitution. Atlanta, Ga.

If more thinking people will raise their voices in protest over the mistreatment of certain human beings, maybe Hitlerism, the Columbians, Klans, Lewisism, etc., can be crushed from the earth.

Such stuff was what made Hitler and ruined the country he tried to "save for super-men." There are no super-men. Bobbie Burns had it right—"A man's a man, for a' that." 12-1-46

JULIAN M. FRIX.

LaGrange.

WESTBROOK PEGLER

The Constitution
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Spying On Their Own

Thurs. 12-19-46

NEW YORK—Oswald Garrison Villard, of New York, one of the genuine Liberals on the original roster of the non-sectarian Anti-Nazi League strongly disapproves the secret police activities in which the league boastfully revealed itself in the attempt to purge a small organization called the Columbians, in Atlanta.

Mr. Villard does not recall precisely why he quit the league but he said he "supposed" he did so because of general dissatisfaction with "the way it was going." He withdrew several years ago.

"We didn't do anything of that kind," Mr. Villard said. "It was purely an anti-Hitler movement. I was very much astounded by what I have read of sending people South and acting as detectives and trapping people.

"IF IT WERE the same organization, I should say it was time for it to pass out of existence. It never was in its functions to undertake to purge anything in the United States."

As these dispatches have related, the treasurer of this organization, which presumes to spy on Americans, violating their confidence and their privacy and exposing their private records to public view, is Isidore Lipschutz, a Belgian refugee who describes himself as an importer of diamonds and whose application for American citizenship has been held up by the Government. A writer in a publication strongly sympathetic with the league wrote in June, 1943, that Lipschutz was doing a gigantic job for the league and had "turned his vast business organization into what is virtually an adjunct of the league." His "vast business organization" is not further described.

IN A BOOK called "I Find Treason," published by William Morrow in 1941, an author calling himself "Richard Rollins" wrote:

"During February, 1939, the executive secretary of the Anti-Nazi League called me. The league was about to develop a large department of investigation. He wanted me to head it. I liked the possibilities for more action and power. The secretary had not exaggerated when he described the league as the world's greatest anti-Nazi organization. Over 500 organized groups—fraternal, religious, industrial, labor, educational—made up its more than two million membership. In March, the league appointed me its national director of investigation. The department was my responsibility—to run exactly as I thought best."

"Rollins," as the author calls himself, said this meant the broadening of the scope of the league's investigations. He kept his "old operatives," added new members and moved into new offices.

"ROLLINS" CLAIMS for the league and himself considerable credit for anti-Nazi work, including the conviction of Fritz Kuhn, the leader of the Nazi Bund who was run down and convicted by District Attorney, now Governor, Tom Dewey, and his authorized professional staff.

"Rollins" writes that he began as an individual snooper, spying on an American organization in New York called "The Order of 76." He says "The Order of 76" was anti-Semitic and tells proudly of robbing sailors' lockers aboard a German ship in the harbor.

He writes that Samuel Dickstein, then a member of Congress and chairman of the House Immigration Committee, engaged him, informally, and without putting him on the Government payroll, to "see what you can find."

HE CLAIMS THAT he robbed lockers aboard the Deutschland pursuant to his engagement with Dickstein and came ashore with two small German pistols which he had stolen. He did not declare them and, obviously firearms were contraband.

"Rollins" says that, later, Dickstein introduced him to the First House Committee on Subversive Activities, of which Dickstein was the acting chief, and that under the name of "Rollins" he was engaged as its investigator. The resolution authorizing this Committee, passage of which Dickstein "proudly" announced to "Rollins," specified that it should investigate "Nazi propaganda activities" and propaganda from foreign countries attacking the American form of government, but did not specifically mention Communist propaganda or activities. Because of the Committee's apparent indifference to Communist activities it was superseded by the Dies Committee which, in turn, was savagely attacked for several years for the very reason that it did thoroughly expose the Communist conspiracy while continuing its anti-Nazi work.

"Rollins" explains that after he became an official investigator he found his style cramped by the legal limitations that confine official agents.

"When I was working alone and unofficially," he writes, "free-booter tactics may have been all right." But the Committee was limited.

The difference in methods is described on page 41, where "Rollins" says Dickstein promised him the first appointment as an investigator as soon as the Committee was selected, but asked him, meanwhile, to clean up "The Order of 76." 12-19-46

IN ACCEPTING THE HELP of the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League to "investigate" the Columbians in Atlanta, Eugene Cook, the Attorney General, and E. E. Andrews, the Solicitor General, may not have considered the implications of this endorsement of irresponsible espionage by private organizations. An efficient, energetic public official with a small staff of intelligent investigators could have done at least as well under official conditions.

Columbians, Inc.

The Times New York, N.Y.

The Columbians, Inc., was organized in Georgia about four months ago to establish a "small, solid society • • • of white Anglo-Saxons" in America. It proclaims that it wants to "deport all Negroes to Africa and all Jews to Palestine." Its secretary-treasurer, Homar L. Loomis Jr., formerly of 470 Park Avenue, New York City, explains: "We're political. We're going to show them [the white Anglo-Saxons] how to take control of the Government. First the neighborhood, then the whole city, then the State Government, and finally the national Government." Sun. 12-15-46

Last month the State of Georgia entered suit to revoke the Columbians' charter on the ground that the organization was "peddling hate and intolerance" and advocating "damage and injury to life, liberty and property." Georgia's Attorney General, Eugene Cook, invited the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League to help get the facts on the Columbians for the suit. Two secret agents of the League went to Atlanta and gained the confidence of Columbian leaders.

The Charges

Last week Mr. Cook called correspondents to a meeting in his office in Atlanta. He made these accusations about the Columbians:

A prospective member is asked: "Do you hate Negroes? Do you hate Jews? Do you have $3?" If he answers yes, he is sworn in.

Columbians wear khaki uniforms with Nazi-like insignia, give a Hitler-type salute, greet their leaders with shouts of "Heil!"

Enemies of the Columbians are placed on a "lynch list"; homes of opponents are scheduled for "liquidation." (One bombing has already taken place.)

The Columbians, Inc., has an arsenal of dynamite, rifles, pistols and explosive caps.

Columbians are taught to patrol streets of white sections and beat up Negroes. Special groups are instructed on how to incriminate innocent Negroes in burglary and rape cases. 12-15-46

Columbian leaders have been in contact with German Nazis.

On Friday the evidence was presented to a Georgia grand jury. Loomis and another Columbian leader are already under indictment for trying to take over police powers. State authorities were confident last week that the State would win the case to revoke the Columbians' charter.

Fistical Resemblance

The News and Courier Charleston, S.C.

In Georgia, U. S. A., Daniel Duke, Esq., demands and will have a jury trial, he being accused of having struck one Burke, of the "Columbians, Inc.", (they are not related to Congareenean Columbians), and it is reported that he took offense from the Burke when he interpreted that Georgian as insinuating that he might not be a pure and undefiled Caucasian and Anglo-Saxon white man. From this seems to trickle inference that Mr. Duke's understanding of the negro race qualifies him for membership in the "Columbians, Inc.", though he is indignantly unaware of it. The News and Courier pronounces Assistant Attorney General Dan Duke a white man, one of the whitest men in all Georgia, notwithstanding that fistically he has something in common with Joe Louis, Esq.

Why Not Incorporated

The News and Courier Mon. 12-16-46

The "Columbians, Inc.", a society that has been incorporated in the state of which Ellis Arnall, Esq., is the handsome and clever governor and presumably one of the official charterers, excites no sympathetic opinion in The News and Courier's office. Indeed, The News and Courier thinks of it as not only obnoxious but as ridiculous. Observing the terrific bombardment to which it is subjected from the voluble artillery of the Liberals, the Uplifters and the Elevators of society we further observe that 1,000 times the assault and battery and other methods of intimidation have been practiced at Allis Chalmers than have been practiced by the Columbians, Inc. The Columbians, although incorporated, do not picket. One of their leaders has been a casualty. He survived. Were the people who picket at Allis Chalmers liable as a corporation for damage they may cause they probably would not picket. Charleston, S.C.

Columbians Folding

To the Editor: PM New York, N.Y.

You will be pleased to know that as Deutsch predicted last week, the Columbians are apparently on their way out. Torn by internal dissension, their meetings poorly attended, despite sensational first-page publicity, and their finances at a low ebb, they appear to be ready to close up shop. Wed.

I think that perhaps at times we lose perspective in focusing our attention on the rise of these hate groups rather than on the immediate and sharp reaction of the American people, particularly the press, clergy and civic leaders. That the public is so quick to discern the nature of orders like the Columbians may be traced to the fact that they are so much better informed now than they were a decade ago. That they are so much better informed now may be traced to the splendid work of keen reporters like Albert Deutsch. 12-11-46

Atlanta ALEXANDER F. MILLER.
Anti-Defamation League.

Hats Off!

PM New York, N.Y. Sat. 12-14-46

To Attorney General Eugene Cook, Solicitor General E. E. Andrews, Assistant Attorney General Dan Duke, Chief Mitchell of the Fulton County Police Dept., Police Chief Hornsby of Atlanta and the other State and local law enforcement authorities of Georgia who showed, in their combined crackdown on the Columbians (see Albert Deutsch's column on Back Page), *how a dangerously subversive movement can be nipped in the bud by prompt and decisive community action.* 12-13-46

A New York Fuehrer's Atlanta Claptrap

Times Syndicate Fuehrman, Va.

THE latest aggregation of race-baiting screwballs to mushroom up in the South follows the pattern of those which have gone before—and all the latter are either defunct or on the way out. The "Columbians," who have been bawling like Hitlerites on the streets of Atlanta, are merely new and revised editions of the "Black Shirts" and the "Caucasian Crusade," which sprang up in Georgia's capital in the late 1920's, and of the moribund Klan, which now is trying unsuccessfully to stage a comeback.

It is well-nigh incredible that any persons of normal intelligence should go around mouthing the Nazi nonsense at this late date, particularly in view of the fate which overwhelmed HITLER and his gang. But the declarations of HOMER LOOMIS, JR.,—who, by the way, is *not* a Virginian, despite publicity to the contrary—sound as if they had come straight from GOEBBELS. LOOMIS—who was born on Long Island and passed most of his life in New York City before spending a few years in Southside Virginia—obviously is employing Hitlerian techniques, as well as mouthing Hitlerian ideas.

His statement to the United Press that people love uniforms, pageantry and hypnotic speakers, combined with the fact that his followers wear uniforms highly reminiscent of the Brown Shirts, with red lightning flashes on the arm, add up to an effort to ape the worst features of the Furthermore, LOOMIS made the following declaration: "Yes, I aspire to control the country, but only by electing to office Columbians." He wants to deport all Negroes to Africa, and to make America "a one-race nation." He denounces Jews, when he was inducted at Fort Meade in 1944 was 153, one of the highest scores made there, and he is a graduate of a Princeton University. Furthermore I If all this sounds like the ravings of a bedlamite, consider that LOOMIS is in

has a fanatic's zeal for his "mission."

"I quit drinking and smoking," he told the United Press. "I gave up everything, even my wife and children, to prepare myself for this movement to save the world."

It is good that the Atlanta authorities have moved in on this messianic sower of discord, who has been trying to "patrol the streets" there in the manner of a Nazi Storm Trooper. While one must not take him and his crew too seriously, since their war cries are the same old shoddy slogans which rallied the plugug-lies and the bullies behind HITLER, GOERING, GOEBBELS and the rest, LOOMIS and his followers ought not to be ignored. If hard times should return to the United States, it would give this penthouse Fascist from New York's Park Avenue and his brawlers a large element of the discontented with whom to work.

LOOMIS is supposed to have 5,400 Atlantans on his rolls already, which sounds like a lot, until it is remembered that the population of that city is around 325,000, with about 450,000 in the metropolitan area. In any community of such size, a few thousand persons are almost always willing to follow any Pied Piper who declares war on largely defenseless people, and who promises gaudy rewards to those who join up.

LOOMIS says his aim is to make "Columbians dominant in all 48 States," and thus to control the nation. Even the Klan, powerful as it was in its heyday, never got a foothold in Virginia remotely comparable to those which it gained in such States as Indiana, Georgia and Texas. The Columbians aren't going to get one here either. Nor will they ever "control" any of the 48 States. The rattlebrained *Fuehrer* who is mouthing all this claptrap may have a high IQ, but he certainly needs to have his head examined.

The Columbians

By John Temple Graves

The News and Courier
Charleston, S. C.
Wed. 1-1-47

"Come let us lay a crazy lance
in rest
And tilt at windmills under a
wild sky,
For who would live so petty and
unblest
That dare not tilt at something
ere he die?"

Certainly no politician may hope to be blessed without something to tilt at, and I suggest that my talented friend, Editor Hornady, of The Rome (Ga.) News-Tribune, consider that as he puzzles over the prominence given this ridiculous and (originally) inconsequential group calling themselves "Columbians". "The amount of advertising a little outfit in Atlanta known as the Columbians has been able to obtain over the country," writes Editor Hornady, "is truly astonishing, even though many well-meaning citizens have contributed to the build up by overstressing the importance . . . The Columbians were wholly unknown outside of Atlanta until officials of that city started out to advertise the outfit and a national organization joined the chorus. Now they are known the country over and no doubt will attract a lot of cranks as a result of this publicity. The Columbians were made to look important when they were not so in the least . . ."

But the Columbians have been very useful to the politicians and publicists who built them up to knock them down. Just as the Ku Klux Klan was very helpful in Atlanta last summer as something to be attacked by Drew Pearson (wholly unarmed) from the capitol steps under auspices of the governor and the state police. National plaudits are won this day, even though the agencies attacked are themselves aided by the advertising.

Politics and publicism are like that. You've got to put on a show. You've got to seem to be doing something dramatic, be in there fighting. It's a little like the campaign against the Mediterranean fly in Florida in the 1920s. With nearly half a million dollars appropriated to fight the fly, all sorts of things were done, some necessary, some not. At one time authorities were stopping all cars at the state border to spray them and the passengers, too. I remember seeing a most, elegant looking car stopped ahead of mine. It was driven by a chauffeur, and its passenger was a lady of dowager proportions and bearing. When the official undertook to direct his spray at the lady, she halted him indignantly, said it was an outrage, she wouldn't stand it, he could take her to jail but she wouldn't be sprayed, it was insulting to subject human beings to such treatment, etc., etc. 1-1-47

"Well, madam," I heard the harrassed official say at last, "we've got $400,000 to fight the fly and we've got to do something." Editor Hornady might consider that some of our cousins in Atlanta have always got to do something.

Counsel Ernie Adamson, of the house committee on un-American activities (once called the Dies committee, now the Rankin), has raised a rumpus by releasing a committee report in which excessive claims are made of a communist plot to bring about revolution in America. The great harm in the release is that it gives the pooh-poohers such a fine chance to pooh-pooh. They can point the absurdity of such claims in claim of an absurdity in saying there is a communist menace at all. They can go back to the days of Mitchell Palmer and the ridiculous red hunts after the first World war, imply that concern against communism in America is just as ridiculous now.

A communist menace does exist. It is multiplied by the fact that its nature makes it the sort of thing the house committee on Un-American activities, with its silly nightmares and cloak and dagger dreams will never touch. The menace now comes not of avowed and active communists for there are only a few, but of the communistic sympathies and near-communism of great numbers of plain Americans, including the pooh-poohers above.

The situation differs totally from 1919. After the first World war Russia was not in the picture. Now she is all over the place. There was no CIO organized over the nation, capable of crippling our whole economy, and so hag-ridden with communism in its high places it dares nothing more than a weak, hedging resolution against them. And our country had not had long years of a New Deal which, necessary as it was in the beginning, has softened so many of us to collectivism, made so many pooh-poohers against the idea that communist is a threat, or even a bad thing.

Times-Dispatch Richmond, Va. AP Wirephoto

COLUMBIANS DESTROY CHARTER—The Georgia State charter of Columbians, Inc., was torn up by Emory C. Burke (right foreground), president of the radical group, at a meeting in Atlanta Thursday. Scraps of the shredded document were mailed to Dan Duke, assistant Attorney-General, who had been authorized to institute proceedings to revoke the charter of the self-styled anti-Negro, anti-Jewish organization. Sat. 11-9-46

Hearing of Four Columbians Delayed Until November 20

ATLANTA, Nov. 8—(AP)—A police court hearing on charges of "inciting to riot" against four members of the local "Columbian political party" was postponed today until November 20, in the midst of charges by a defense attorney that the men were "being held illegally at the whim" of the police chief.

Defense Attorney J. E. B. Stewart charged "strong-arm methods" in the arrest of the four last Saturday at a demonstration against a Negro family moving into a house formerly tenanted by white persons.

"It is notoriously known," declared Stewart, "that these men were arrested on the order of the chief of police (M. A Hornsby), and that he acted without any authority in the law."

Stewart moved that all charges against the four be dismissed.

The postponement was requested by Detective Superintendent E. I. Hilderbrand.

Bond Reduced

Recorder A. W. Callaway reduced from five thousand dollars to one thousand dollars the bond of Jack Price, 26, who has been in jail since his arrest. Members of the organization made immediate plans to post the reduced bond.

Free under five thousand dollars bonds are Homer L. Loomis, Jr., 32, secretary and organizer of the Columbians; James Akin, 18, and Roy L. Whitman, 33, all of whom appeared in court.

The Columbians, who claim one thousand members, started off a few months ago as a chartered order to work for "a progressive white community." Last night, however, after the State had moved to revoke the charter, President Emory Burke tore up the charter at a public meeting and proclaimed that henceforth the organization would be "a political party" fighting the battles of "the white working man."

Georgia Grand Jury Gets Columbians Case Tomorrow

Thurs. 12-12-46

Grand Jury investigation of Columbians, Inc., anti-Semitic, anti-Negro organization, will start tomorrow at Atlanta, Ga., where Solicitor General E. E. Andrews pledged that organization leaders would be "prosecuted vigorously," Andrews said he would ask the Fulton County Grand Jury to drop all other business to consider the Columbians case and would ask specifically for the indictment of Emory Burke, president, and Homer Loomis, founder-secretary, on charges of inciting to riot.

State Attorney General Eugene Cook forwarded a voluminous record, gathered in large part by investigators of the Non-Sectarian

Anti-Nazi League of New York but including statements to Gov. Ellis Arnall from two members who turned State's evidence. (*See Albert Deutsch, back page*). Cook said other members had offered to "expose" the organization but had been rejected.

Andrews disclosed that two important witnesses against the Columbians had received veiled threats and warned leaders of the Anti-Nazi League said the plans of Columbia, Inc., were a "startling parallel" to those of Canada's thunderbolt emblem on publications and displays thunderbolt armbands at its meetings.

Meanwhile, the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League said the plans of

Arnall Strives To Kill Roots of Columbians

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By CELESTINE SIBLEY

Fresh from a triumphant two-week swing of the Middle West, where he was received as a literary lion, Georgia's lecturing, book-writing Governor, Ellis Arnall, was home yesterday bent on first removing the State of Georgia's sanction of the Columbians by de-chartering them and then tackling in a four-point program the "eradi-cation of the conditions which bred them."

The removal of the charter, the Governor admitted, would be an empty gesture except for the fact that it "takes away the sanction of the State." But the program he advocated as "idealist, yes, but the only workable one, the only practical one," would hit at the breeding ground of bitterness, ten-sion and "hate organizations."

The Governor's program, point by point, is:

1. "A good dose of education."
2. "Better health conditions."
3. "Perfection of an economic system to enable all men by their own efforts to have higher stand-ards of living."
4. "Start in the hearts of men by a new indoctrination of reli-gion and spirituality and love to replace hatred."

Gov. Arnall said society was constantly under obligation to "im-prove the lot of mankind, and al-though his program will reap no immediate results with the men and women who are now mem-bers of the Columbians there is, he pointed out, "always a new gen-eration, always a brave new world.

"With that program we will win a battle occasionally and lose a battle occcasionally, but winning the war is important and in time, with God's help, the war will be won!"

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On the subject of his book, which he had just been autograph-ing at top speed, the Governor said he was grateful that it had been "well received" and disclosed plans for writing one and possibly two more as soon as his term at the Capitol is over. He said he had enjoyed his travels and found the duties of a literary lion no more time-consuming or demand-ing than the social obligations and speaking engagements which go with "the business of being Gov-ernor."

Atlanta, Ga.

PLANS SECOND BOOK

"I'm already planning my sec-ond book and when my term of office is ended I'm hoping to do a lot of traveling, accompanied this time by Mrs. Arnall."

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The new book he is projecting, well, as the first, "The Shore Dim-ly Seen," take its title from The Star Spangled Banner, which the Governor described as "real poetry." It will be divided into four parts, North, South, East and West. The Governor did not dis-close his plans for the third book, except to say its title, too, will be taken from the National An-them.

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Gov. Arnall spent Sunday in In-dianapolis and at the University of Indiana, where he talked to a rec-ord crowd of 8,000 students. He returned to Atlanta Monday after-noon.

It Condemns Picketing

The News and Courier
Charleston, SC

From an editorial disquisition in one of the important daily newspapers of the im-portant town of New York, The Herald Trib-une, The News and Courier takes this para-graph condemning picketing, heartily com-mends and endorses it:

"Four of the order's ('Columbians') members were arrested for picketing a ne-gro family which was trying to move into a house formerly occupied by white ten-ants. Whites and negroes were lined up on opposite sides of the street ripe for a race riot when Chief of Police M. A. Horns-by intervened. 'I want to tell you once for all, you Columbians, the Atlanta Police De-partment is policing this town.'"

The News and Courier not sanguinely but still hopefully will peruse The Herald Tribune to ascertain whether or not it will condemn the picketing of stores and fac-tories in New York and other Northern cit-ies by persons who try to dissuade, intimi-date, bulldoze or otherwise prevent citizens entering them to work or to transact busi-ness.

If is encouraging to observe that a news-paper of New York condemns picketing, though its condemnation be limited to per-sons 800 miles to the south of its office of publication.

The News and Courier also applauds the conduct of the chief of police of Atlanta, Georgia.

Believe it or not—a New York newspaper has actually condemned picketing!

Georgia Attorney General Files Suit To Revoke Charter of Columbians

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Asks Atlanta To Aid In Fight

From Wire Dispatches.

Atlanta, Nov. 5.—Superior Judge E. E. Pomeroy tonight or-dered Columbians, Inc., self-styled anti-Negro and anti-Jew-ish organization, to show cause by November 15 why its charter should not be revoked.

cting swiftly after Governor Ellis Arnall ordered civil pro-ceedings to revoke the charter of the Columbians, Assistant Attor-ney General Dan Duke filed pleadings in which he alleged that the uniformed group was patterned after the Ku Klux Klan. He also charged that the newly organized faction "con-spired to beat and terrorize Georgia citizens," and claimed its aims, if fulfilled, "would render the State incapable of providing constitutional protection."

Suit Filed In Fulton.

As the attorney general's suit was filed in Fulton County (At-lanta) Superior Court, where the organization was granted a char-ter last August, 32-year-old Harry Loomis, treasurer of the Columbians, went to Police Court in the interest of one of his mem-bers.

James Childers, 17, was bound over to the Fulton County grand jury on a charge of inciting to riot in the blackjacking of a Negro last week. The case grew out of his warning a Negro against moving into a mixed white and Negro residential dis-trict.

The suit against the Colum-bians, filed in behalf of Attorney General Eugene Cook, named as principal defendants Emery C. Burke, president; John H. Zim-merlee, secretary, and Loomis.

Charges "Buck-passing."

The attorney general accused Atlanta officials of "passing the buck" to him, and urged them to act independently on the case through the criminal courts.

"The impending evil of this or-ganization," Cook said, "cannot be stopped in due time by a long, drawn-out civil suit in the court where it received its charter."

At the same time, Fulton Solici-tor General E. E. Andrews prom-ised to prosecute "these agitators and peddlers of poison to the utmost limit of the law," and asked citizens to submit to him any information pertaining to acts of violence by Columbians.

Arnall said, "The corporation (Columbians) is violating and has violated the laws of Georgia." He added, "There is no place in the world today for hate organiza-tions which, in order to survive, must constantly undertake to vio-late the law in the promotion of their infamous philosophy."

Loomis Scoffs At Attempt.

Duke, who also is prosecuting a State suit to revoke the charter of the Georgia Ku Klux Klan, said the Columbians "scale of military organization" was taken directly from a booklet called "Klan Building," which circulated in Michigan, Illinois, and Ohio in 1937-1938.

Loomis said the suit would be opposed on general principles, but that the court action would have no effect on the organization's progress.

"It would only serve to make our people more interested in our program," he said.

'Columbians, Inc.' Is No Accidental Growth

SOMETHING more than indignation is called forth by a glimpse into the mind of HOMER L. LOOMIS, Jr., head of The Columbians, Inc., the hate-organization newly spawned in Atlanta. We can't think of anything more likely to give the average American a genuine case of the shudders.

One feels a kind of nightmarish unreality as he reads about it. Are we seeing words that were spoken in the United States of 1946, or do they not come straight out of HITLER's book? What can we do, where is our hope, what has become of the substance of our dreams, when young men talk like this?

To a *United Press* reporter, LOOMIS boldly flaunts his aims. "I plan a small, solid society I can control," he avows. He would make America a "nationalist state," purged of Jews and Negroes, turned into a "one-race nation." He sees the 48 States syste-matically captured, one by one, through the votes of his followers, and hatred at last entrenched in rule over all. The thing passes simple fanaticism, and it is not to be dismissed as the vaporing of a crank. For he has indeed a following, he has led them in public demonstrations and in a program of brutal direct action.

Louisville, Ky.

A paranoic? Perhaps. But were the Nazi leaders any less so, or any the less dangerous because of the fact? HITLER, STREICHER, ROSENBERG, LEY—they said the same unbelievable things, using almost the identical words that issue from the lips of this American hoodlum. The GOERINGS, the RIBBENTROPS, seeing the shape of power and loot to be seized behind the screen of passions so stirred, echoed the words of the rabble-rousers, and destruction was compounded by shrewdness and pseudo-respectability.

One finds parallels that are shocking. LOOMIS

speaks of a sense of social justice and a dedication to his task of saving the world. He states his convic-tion that people like uniforms, pageants, hypnotic speakers. It is not necessary to recall the hypnotic speaker who nested at Berchtesgaden, who also was aware that people liked uniforms, pageants and bold demonstrations, who prated of social justice and who also proclaimed himself an ascetic. For LOOMIS read HITLER. For HITLER, look on the words of LOOMIS: "I quit drinking and smoking. I gave up everything, even my wife and children, to prepare myself to save the world."

Atlanta, otherwise an admirable community, with citizens as good and sound as any, seems sadly susceptible to such infections. It was there the Ku Klux Klan was reincarnated in cowardice and iniquity. The self-styled "Black Shirts, or American Fascists," briefly stalked its streets 15 years or so ago.

Supreme Kingdom, the White Band and half a dozen baiters. He assured law officers in every county a intolerance and brutality, place on the State Bureau of Investigation. He had e under whatever guise, no sooner been nominated than a brutal mob moved a good Atlantan, weary, into action and massacred two Negroes and their wives not far from Atlanta. And he pledged his e answer to The Colum- administration to stop Negro voting—and to withdraw ant Ku Klux Klan and the suit which Governor ARNALL had started to end face of arrests and court the Klan as a chartered body. Wed. 11-6-46

In this atmosphere The Columbians thrive, LOOMIS These things have always demagogic politics. They parades and rants of power, skulkers boast of legal ise in cycles of power on protection, lynchers go unpunished though a country- andering to the basest of side is morally sure of their identity—and, if you knows that people like ask us, small wonder.

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THE COLUMBIANS

The Mich. Chronicle, Detroit, Mich.

Lurid stories are coming out of Atlanta, Georgia, telling of the rise and deviltry of a streamlined Ku Klux Klan which palms itself off as a patriotic society under the name of the Columbians. In the last few days a Negro home was bombed and numerous outrages against colored citizens have been reported. In an anti-Negro demonstration last week, the Atlanta police seized four whites who are members of this new outfit. Sat. 11-9-46

A reporter from the Atlanta Journal interviewed the self-styled leader of the Columbians and the latter said that "we have block leaders, section leaders, community leaders, in the areas we are working on. We're organized to the last degree, and can shoot a squad out anywhere as soon as we get a call from one of our agents."

The leader of the Columbians, according to the Atlanta Journal, told the reporter, "We're going to show them (the white Anglo Saxons) how to take control of the government — first, a neighborhood, then the whole city, then the state government, and finally the national government." The Atlanta Journal pointed out that the Columbians are anti-Semitic as well as anti-Negro.

The decent whites of Atlanta as well as the Negroes have condemned the organization. The Georgia Association of Women Lawyers, the American Veterans' Committee, and prominent white ministers have compared the aims of the organization to Hitlerism. The Atlanta daily papers, notably the Atlanta Journal, have not hesitated to expose the outfit and warn the public of its menace.

The Columbians are not merely operating in Atlanta, however, for the Superintendent of Police there charged last week that the outfit is one of four powerful organizations in the country "linked under a common banner." He said the others were functioning in New York, Philadelphia and Gary. So far none of the reports link the Columbians with any neighborhood associations in Detroit.

We believe that our city fathers should take note of this development, particularly our police department. Detroit has always been considered ripe territory for the merchants of hate and we must be alert to all new hate movements. At the moment the Columbians have confined themselves to intimidating Negroes who move into mixed neighborhoods in Atlanta. No one knows, however, to what lengths such a group may go as long as its chief aim is the seizure of our government and the establishment of a white-supremacy dictatorship.

We can be thankful that the white press of Atlanta and many responsible white leaders have condemned this new crowd of trouble makers. The blinding white light of publicity must be turned on these anti-democratic, anti-Negro plotters who are following the Hitler line step by step. No one should be fooled by their patriotic pretensions. Any American who seeks to deny "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" to others on the ground of race or religion is a traitor in our book.

COURT DELAYS SUIT

The Constitution

Columbian Leaders Face Indictment

Atlanta, Ga.

Sat. 11-16-46

Indictment of Emory Burke and Homer Loomis, Jr., President and Secretary of the anti-Negro, anti-Semetic Columbians, Inc., for usurping police functions will be requested, it was indicated yesterday by Sol. Gen. E. E. Andrews after the Fulton County Grand Jury postponed further investigation of the order till 10 a. m. Monday.

"Investigation discloses," said Andrews, "the Columbians have been exercising police functions, that the organization is like those of the Nazis and Fascists with storm troopers patrolling streets and investigating complaints. People have been calling them instead of the police and it looks like when they get enough members they intend to take over. This sort of thing cannot be tolerated."

Burke appeared yesterday in Fulton Superior Court and obtained a 10-day stay of a suit seeking revocation of the Columbian charter.

Another development was the decision of the Plumbers' and Steamfitters' Local No. 72 not to permit Columbians to hold further meetings at their hall at 198½ Whitehall St. The Union's business agent said the damage caused by a tear gas bomb during Thursday night's meeting violated a clause in the lease and made it void.

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Challenge to Atlanta

SIMPLY BECAUSE the police have taken strong action against the hate-mongering group, Columbians, Inc., it would be most unwise for Atlantians to assume that the unhealthy situation which these men exploited has ceased to exist. The basic difficulty is one of competition for housing at a time when this community—like all others in the nation—is fighting an unprecedented scarcity of homes.

Atlanta is growing apace. Her citizenry is daily becoming more numerous, and this means expansion. In the case of white citizens, the problem is relatively simple provided building materials are available. Suburbs extend themselves and the horizon is limitless. In the case of the Negro citizens, it is not the same. Their communities for the most part are encircled and must expand, unless they go straight up, by gradual encroachment upon the white areas which surround them. This is not the fault of the Negroes, nor is it the fault of the neighboring white people whose property values are thereby diminished.

We must face the fact that, so long as the inevitable expansion of Negro districts is unplanned and undirected, there will continue to be hotbeds of bitterness and racial feeling on the fringes. White people who are resentful of what they consider to be a threat on their home values, can fall easy prey to the preachments of crackpot groups which tell them that the Negroes are "invading." It is all very well for those who live in exclusive residential sections to talk about tolerance and justice, but the over-all problem is one only hard good sense and goodwill can solve.

Mayor Hartsfield, who has received numerous petitions in protest of property sales to Negroes, has been given assurance from the Real Estate Board that the reputable realtors of Atlanta will do all they can to prevent exploitation of border areas by selfish interests. Various planning and fact-finding agencies are at work on the housing problem as a whole, but it cannot be said thus far that Atlanta as a community has made any real effort to grapple with the difficulties posed by Negro expansion. Istead of attempting to guide this expansion along liberal and constructive lines, we have been content to snipe ineffectively at some of its manifestations.

The dangerous tinder which Columbians, Inc., tried to ignite on Garibaldi Street continues to exist, a challenge to the city's leadership. Why would it not be a good idea for the Mayor to set up a commission authorized to investigate and make recommendations toward the normal, healthy growth of Atlanta's Negro areas? If such a commission were composed of representatives white and Negro leaders, the Chamber of Commerce, the realtors and other interested groups, it might do a great deal of good. If it did nothing else, it would serve notice to all concerned that this community is determined to find an intelligent, equitable solution to a difficult problem.

We know what Columbians, Inc., would offer. It is pure Hitlerism, un-Christian, un-American and unworkable.

Now what is Atlanta's alternative?

The South Is Interested In Atlanta's Proud Name

Gastonville, Ga.

Police authorities of Atlanta acted quickly the other days to arrest leaders of the Columbians Inc., an anti-negro, anti-Jewish group, who were said to have caused considerable disturbance in one of the Georgia Capital City's residential sections. Chief Hornsby of the Atlanta Police Department described the organization as "a crack-pot group of radicals, bums and ne'er-do-wells."

News reports of the quick action which the officials of the Georgia City took against the body reveal the sensibilities of the Atlanta people to be so outraged by the activities of the organization that they are demanded a revocation of its charter. Mem. 11-11-46

New York family, should have found his way to Atlanta to work his mischief. The city has a proud name to protect, one which Southern citizens who have a warm affection for Georgia's enterprising "Gate City of the South" would dislike to see damaged by a reputation for being a breeding ground for radicalism.

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Constitution Staff Photo—Carl Dixon

COLUMBIANS IN JAIL—Four members of the Columbians, Inc., were arrested yesterday by Atlanta police in connection with attempts to force a Negro family out of a semi-white neighborhood. They are, left to right, Jack Price, 26, and James Akin, 18, of 82 Bartow St., N. W.; Homer L. Loomis, Jr., 32, Secretary of the organization, and R. L. Whitman, 33, of 541 Windsor St., S. W. They were charged with "Disorderly Conduct—Inciting a Riot."

Buyer of Home Told To Stay Out

By KEELER McCARTNEY

Following the second disturbance within a week linking the Columbians, Inc., with racial disorders, Police Chief Hornsby has ordered the arrest of four more organization leaders and declared he would take steps Monday to have the organization's charter revoked.

One of those placed under arrest yesterday was Homer L. Loomis, Jr., Secretary and Organizer of the Columbians and the most bitter speaker in denouncing Jews and Negroes at public meetings of the organization.

Loomis was placed under $5,000 bond on charges of "disorderly conduct—inciting a riot."

Three others identified by police as Columbians and placed under similar bonds were listed as James Akins, 18, and Jack Price, 26, who gave 82 Bartow St., N. W.—the Columbian headquarters—as their home, and R. L. Whitman, 33, of 541 Windsor St., S. W.

Late last night Loomis and Whitman were released after posting bond, the others remained in police custody.

The four Columbians arrested yesterday for attempting to force a Negro family out of a semi-white neighborhood, requested to contact the Atlanta Bonding Co. in an attempt to post $5,000 bond each on charges of "disorderly conduct—inciting a riot." Patrolmen in the station lieutenant's office said the bonding company refused the bonds. The company is partly owned by a Negro.

Hornsby's statement of "total police war" on the Columbians was made after several autos filled with Columbians paraded along southside streets yesterday morning and attempted to prevent a Negro family from moving into a house at 727 Garibaldi St., S. W.

Several hundred persons, both Negro and white, had gathered at the scene by the time police arrived, Hornsby said. He added only the slightest incident of violence might have set off a disastrous riot.

Hornsby visited the scene of the disturbance briefly, questioned the Columbians and then announced:

"I am going to call upon Asst. City Atty. Charlie Murphy Monday morning to use every legal means at his disposal to revoke the charter of this dangerous outfit.

"In the event the city attorney's office does not have means at its disposal to dissolve the Columbians, I will go before City Council at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon and ask that the necessary ordinances be enacted at once.

"These hoodlums may be under the impression they are running the City of Atlanta, but if they are I want to set them right.

"The Police Department is doing the police work and we will continue to do it."

Gov.-Nominate Talmadge, convalescing at an Atlanta hospital from a stomach ailment, when questioned yesterday about the Columbians said:

"I am not Governor yet, so I have nothing to say."

The incident which touched off Hornsby's concerted drive on the Columbians involved the sale of the Garibaldi Street home to Frank Jones, 40, Negro, who said he purchased the property through a real estate firm after being told it was in a Negro community.

"I was living in two rooms on Davis Street," Jones told Police Capt. W. M. (Buck) Weaver. "My son, Eddie, came home from the Army and he moved his wife and baby in with us.

"I had to have more room and the real estate people told me this house was all right and we wouldn't be bothered here."

When Jones arrived yesterday morning to move in, Weaver said, he found a Columbian sticker pasted to the door reading: "White Community Only." Police also found similar stickers on houses in the neighborhood occupied by white families.

Several cars filled with men wearing the Columbian insignia paraded up and down the street, Jones said, and several of the men "warned" him not to move in.

Hornsby arrived on the scene with Weaver, Asst. Chief G. Neal Ellis, Detective Supt. E. I. Hilderbrand and a dozen patrolmen.

Singling out Price, Hornsby demanded:

"What are you doing here?"

Price mumbled something about "protecting white families."

"What business is that of yours?" the chief questioned, and then, turning to Weaver, he ordered:

"Lock them up, captain."

The police investigation, Hornsby said, revealed the community into which Jones was attempting to move is at least 50 percent Negro now. The particular house in question stands near a street intersection, with a vacant lot on one side and a house occupied by whites on the other.

In a similar disturbance Monday night, police arrested James R. Childers, 17, of 82 Bartow St., for attacking a Negro man. Childers told officers he had been stationed at a home on Formwalt Street, S. W., near Memorial Drive, to "protect" the occupants from Negroes.

Detectives H. C. Newton and J. A. Preston, assigned to the investigation, said they had located several white witnesses who told them the Negro, Clifford Hines, was attacked without provocation as he walked along Formwalt Street.

Childers, released under $500 bond on assault and battery charges, is scheduled for trial at 4:30 p. m. Tuesday in Recorder's Court.

In defiance of the charges, Childers was presented the Columbian "badge of honor" in an open meeting Thursday night at 198½ Whitehall St., S. W. The meeting was broken up by police after a group of Jewish war veterans challenged statements by Columbian speakers.

Several organizations and church leaders issued statements denouncing the Columbians as a "Nazi movement" following the incident Monday and two Columbian public gatherings later in the week.

First to take up the fight was the Atlanta Area Chapter of the American Veterans Committee, followed closely by the Atlanta Council of Church Women, the Georgia Association of Women Lawyers and the Rev. Dr. Harrison McMains, pastor of the First Christian Church.

Dr. Lester Rumble, Pastor of St. Mark Methodist Church, said:

"An ignorant, selfish and prejudiced people can never be free. We have been fighting for freedom for all. We fought Hitlerism across the seas, and now we discover that in our very midst organizations like the Ku Klux Klan and the Columbians promote Hitlerism.

"Surely only the low-visioned can look with favor upon such narrowed and provincial expression. It becomes the duty of all truly Democratic minds to act immedi-

Dr. Edward G. Mackay, Pastor, Glenn Memorial Methodist Church:

"A movement with such principles as those openly claimed by the Columbians is rotten. It is an enant with hell. It is Hitlerism right at our door. It was organizations such as this which led to World War II, and finally brought ruin to Europe. The Columbians should not be tolerated in a democratic country."

Dr. Wallace M. Alston, Pastor of Druid Hills Presbyterian Church:

"All Christian people should set their faces against this un-American, utterly un-Christian, How anti-Christian movement. How anti-Christian movements are illustrated in the recent disorders centering around the Columbians in At-our city, state and nation."

Rev. Nat G. Long, Pastor, Peachtree Road Methodist Church:

"Any organization that fans the flames of racial prejudice, that seeks to take the law into its own hands is wholly unchristian and a menace to the welfare of our community."

Dr. Milton Richardson, Rector, St. Luke's Episcopal Church:

"All movements based on hate should be anti-American and anti-Christian. It is very unfortunate that as after World War I there grew up the Ku Klux Klan, the Silver Shirts and the Black Legion, so there is now a resurgence of the Ku Klux Klan and the Columbians. On the ebb tide of evil, great war there seem to spring

Are These Georgians?

The Constitution

Editor Constitution: This is the first letter I have ever written to an editor, a newspaper, or a similar vehicle of expression. I write it today because, here in this Northernmost State of our nation, I read of an organization in your city known as the Columbians.

It is times like this when I most regret the inadequacy of a language and the inability of an intellect to express the emotion I experienced upon reading this.

Even as a so-called "Yankee" I hope I am somewhat qualified to offer, if not an opinion, then at least a question, since I spent three and one-half years in Georgia as a soldier at Macon.

What has happened to the people of Atlanta and of your State that such an ugly, vicious, un-Christian organization has come into being?

Atlanta, Ga.

What has become of those Southern boys that I knew, admired, worked and became friendly with?

Where are those more than half a hundred citizens of McRae, Dublin, Hawkinsville, Albany, Griffin, Decatur, Druid Hills, Lakewood and Marietta that extended kindness and friendship to me not equaled by the people of my own State?

Fri. 11-22-46

What sickness is it that has permitted such groups to spread the tenacles of intolerance and preach their gospels of hate?

Every morning in the foggy dawn at Robins Field, Warner Robins, The Constitution was sold at the door of our mess hall. For three and one-half years I read your paper just as vividly as I do the paper on which I am employed today.

I remember Jack Tarver, I remember your piercing editorials, I remember your trip around the world in the interest of a free press—I remember pulling for the Atlanta Crackers, for Geogia Tech at Grant Field, for Lanier High against Boys High, for the Marietta Bombers and the Sports Arena Blues—

But in all that time I don't remember knowing a single Georgian who would belong to an organization of foul play like the Columbians.

As a Northerner thrown abruptly into the South I had to learn, and learn the hard way, of the economic cross the South has borne and of the intricate problem of racial relations which is the problem of the South and the South alone to solve.

I awoke one Sunday morning on my first visit to your city at the Luckie Street YMCA, to hear people singing in the Baptist Tabernacle. I walked up into the city and found myself surrounded by the sound of church bells.

There was a beautiful quietude about Atlanta that day as groups of people talked softly on their way to worship. The dignity and reverence of those people caused me to seek out the church of my own faith.

And that afternoon I visited Stone Mountain—as a site of interest, a wonder of nature, where in the company of Atlanta friends I paused to have a "coke" and watch picnic-ers—not to see fiery crosses burned—

For that day the only cross in Atlanta was the Cross of Christ.

I'd like to go on remembering Atlanta that way; somehow, I'd like to think that Sundays are still like that in Atlanta.

My fervent wish is that your pen continue to fight the good fight and that the ideals of The Constitution, the name your paper bears, will prevail.

GEORGE P. McCALLUM.
Ex-USAAF Reporter.
Portland, Maine.

Anti-Christians

Editor Constitution: I would like to use a little space in your very fine paper, if I may, to give vent to my feelings in regard to Herr Emory Burke, Homer L. Loomis and their cohorts.

They call themselves "Columbians, Inc.," whereas they should call their organization "Anti-Christ, Inc.," because every breath of this dastardly and venomous outfit reeks of hatred and intolerance. It preaches the very opposite of what Jesus Christ taught.

I always understood that a Christian believed in the brotherhood of man, and, if that is so, then the Columbians are guilty of committing a sin against Christ and all He died for. Even when he was being crucified, he said, "Forgive them, oh Lord, for they know not what they do." I quote the last lines to show what compassion He had for all people. I think if Christ were to come back, he would say, "What have My followers done to My fellow Jews?"

These Columbians vilify the Jews, a people who gave birth to Jesus and all the Apostles, and who were the forerunners of all religion.

There are good and bad people in all races and nationalities and no one people has a monopoly on the good ones.

I lived in Atlanta for a short while, and found it to be a friendly, hospitable city, and that is why, for the life of me, I have been unable to fathom why the good and decent people of Atlanta allowed Homer L. Loomis, a Northerner, to go amongst them and shout the un-Christian epithets, employ Hitlerian methods and tactics and permitted him to get away with it.

The Columbians think that because they are non-Jews it automatically makes them Christians, but I believe that a person must earn the right to be called Christian.

PHIL SNYDER.
Cleveland, Ohio.

Appreciation

The Constitution

Editor Constitution: Today, waiting to ship to Europe on a relief cattle boat, under the direction of the Church of the Brethren—a project manned by Christian men so far as they are able—I was working with relief materials. I picked up a kiddie kit, sent by one of the church groups of your city and found it wrapped in your paper of Nov. 2.

Atlanta, Ga.

I want to express genuine appreciation to you for your two splendid articles on "Columbians" and for the one on "Men Who Walk Always in the Dark," but especially your fearless stand on the basic matter of American democracy, attacked by the Columbians. I wish somehow I might be able to speak that word of appreciation to your police chief, and to your clergymen. Thank God for Americans who will stand on their feet and speak out and act—now—while we can act, before such things come to huge proportions. They are so deadly, so anti-American, so anti-Christian.

Sat. 11-23-46

If you want to identify me, I am a Methodist pastor, in Kokomo, Ind., active in city and State along this and many lines involving human rights, as well as man's relationships to God—for the two go together. REV. W. J. BRIGGS.

New Windsor, Md.

Columbians Still Busy Trying To Police Atlanta

Daily World
Atlanta, Ga.

The latest outburst of the Columbians was listed on police records Tuesday night when Mrs. T. D. Hartson, 752 Windsor Street S. W. reported the visit of member of the hate oranization to her home in an effort to distribute Columbian literature which was refused.

Thurs. 11-14-46

Detectives H. C. Newton and J. A. Preston investigated the trouble and excitement caused by the abusive conduct of the uniformed young men who allegedly frightened Negro servants in the neighborhood by his threating language

Mrs. Lizzie Dodds, for more than twenty years, maid in the Hartson home, was first to receive the wrath of the young man described as "wearing a heavy jacket" and the possessor of "dark, wavy hair." Other Negro maids in the vicinity were likewise warned as he cursed Negroes and demanded they get out of the neighborhood.

Columbians' Voice Scoffs

AM New York, N.Y.
Wed. 11-6-46

By Associated Press

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COLUMBIANS' MARK COPIED FROM NAZIS

The Times

Atlanta Police Chief Discloses Similarity—Leader Tells Plan to Rule Nation

New York, N.Y.

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

ATLANTA, Nov. 4 — M. A. Hornsby, Atlanta police chief, expressed a belief today that the red lightning flash shoulder insignia of the Columbians, Inc., anti-Negro and anti-Jewish organization, was copied from that of a German youth organization in use before World War II.

Tues. 11-5-46

Mr. Hornsby exhibited to newsmen a German propaganda book which he said was received by mail in 1938, describing the German youth organzation. It showed a lightning flash insignia and the chief emphasized that it differed from the Columbians' insignia only in that it had two prongs and the Columbians' three.

While Mayor William B. Hartsfield studied a ruling of the city attorney which held any action to revoke the Columbians' charter must come from the State instead of the city, three of the four Columbians arrested Saturday while pocketing a Negro family were freed under $5,000 bond each.

Those released were Homer L. Loomis Jr., 32, secretary of the Columbians, who says he is a former Princeton University student and that his family resides in New York; James Akins and R. L. Whitman. Police said the fourth, Jack Price, was being held for Federal authorities because he was unable to produce a Selective Service registration card.

Leader Accuses Police

Loomis accused the police today of "interfering with freedom of assembly." He stated that officers attended a "private meeting" of his organization yesterday and that an adjournment of the group was forced "earlier than had been expected."

To this the police replied that the meeting was almost over when they arrived.

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Loomis Tells Objectives

ATLANTA, Nov. 4 (U.P.)—Homer L. Loomis Jr., 32, organizer of the Columbians, boldly proclaimed his objectives today. They are (1) to control the United States by making Columbians politically dominant in all forty-eight States; (2) to make the United States into an "American nationalist state"; (3) deport all Negroes to Africa; (4) make America "a one-race nation."

Loomis made no bones of his views and objectives to a United Press correspondent who called on him in the three small rooms in an old brick building where the organization has its headquarters. He said telephone calls from persons sympathetic with his aims kept him so busy he could not talk there, and invited the reporter to join him over a sandwich and coffee in a neighboring lunch room.

"My sense of social justice forced me to start this group," he said in clipped phrases. "I had to leave New York City to discover America, to get close to the people. Everybody thinks they have to speak like an Eiglishman. I want a nationalist state, but an American nationalist state.

"Columbians" Against Clark Praises Atlanta Police Actions

Times
Birmingham, Ala.
Sun. 11-3-46

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Clark Praises Atlanta Police Actions

Times
Birmingham, Ala.

Newspaper editorals have accused him of condoning violence and of aspiring to a Hitler-like domination of a Nazi-like state.

"Yes, I aspire to control the country, but only by electing to

Authorities In Action

office," he said. "I refused to join Columbians one of these days," he said. "I refused to join the Columbians because they were pro-German or pro-Russian. My group is pro-American only."

Fast-Moving Police Nip Incident Between 'Columbians,' Jewish Vets

Atlanta, Ga., Constitution
November 1, 1946

Fast-moving Atlanta police last night nipped in the bud an incident between the Columbians and Jewish war veterans which threatened to flare into a full-sized riot.

At least 250 Jewish veterans attended a mass meeting of the Columbians at 198½ Whitehall St., S. W., comprising half the audience, and sat quietly through the meeting.

Emory C. Burke, a railroad man and President of the Columbians, spoke first, criticizing the Atlanta newspapers, the Negroes and Jews. Homer L. Loomis, Secretary, followed with an even more bitter attack, calling attention to the Jewish element in the meeting hall.

At the close of Loomis' talk, an unidentified Jewish war veteran arose to his feet, strode slowly forward, and said:

"Half you have been saying is lies."

The half dozen Columbians in uniform lunged forward, followed by others who had been sitting in the front-row seats and cheering the speakers. Half the Jewish veterans stood their ground, while others, seeking to avoid trouble, attempted to quell the disturbance.

Detectives H. C. Newton, J. A. Preston, H. F. Brown and W. E. Petty, assigned to keep order at the meeting, quickly came between the two groups.

Loomis announced the remainder of the meeting would be "closed" and only Columbians would be allowed to stay in the hall. The veterans left peacefully, remarking as they walked along the streets:

"Is that what we fought for—or against."

The meeting, in a dingy hall that might have borne some resemblance to a beer hall in Munich, was called to order with a prayer. The Columbians played martial music on a squeaky phonograph for several minutes before the speaking began and topped off the ritual with "Dixie" and the "Star-Spangled Banner."

The "red flash," symbol of the Columbians, resembling a "squshed-up" swastika, was displayed between two American flags on the platform.

Burke set the pace for the evening by presenting a badge, which he described as the Columbian "medal of honor," to James R. Childers, 17-year-old boy, charged by police with an attack Monday night on a Negro man. Childers was arrested, but later was released under $500 bond, on assault and battery charges.

The Negro, Clifford Hines, was released under $100 bond on similar charges.

Burke began his talk with a blistering attack on Eleanor Roosevelt, wife of the late President, who, he said, "subjected the American people to the worst yolk of Communism." He also criticized Helen Douglas Mankin's record in Congress as "entirely communistic."

Turning to the newspapers, Burke said the Columbians proposed to begin with a weekly and eventually publish a daily newspaper here and shouted:

"We don't care a mouthful of snuff spit what the papers say or think. That's how much we care about them."

Burke also boasted the Columbians have members in many blocks on the southside, with block leaders and added: "I even venture to say when the next Mayor is elected, the Columbians will elect him."

Loomis opened his rambling talk by pointing out what he described as the "alien element" in the audience and promptly set out to outline why he hated "niggers" and Jews.

"I hate the Jew," he shouted, "because they have never become part of the American way of life."

He also branded the Jews the "original Nazis" in aspiring for world domination and added "The Jew will die for what he believes in, but I've never seen one die for the American world."

Loomis said Childers had been assigned to protect a white home on Formwalt Street when the incident Monday night occurred and he claimed the Columbian actually tried to protect the Negro from "street ruffians."

The newspaper stories on the incident, Loomis said, were ordered by Jewish interests which "control advertising."

He closed his talk with a series of letters coming, he said, from white persons who had not been able to get adequate police protection against the "niggers." His closing comment on Jewish activities brought heated response from the war veteran and action by the police.

Earlier, city detectives reported the bombing of a Negro home at 333 Ashby St., S. W., early yesterday morning.

The house is occupied by Goldsmith Sibley, his grandmother, Betty Starr Sibley; a sister, Minnie, and niece, Ellen Glass, II.

Sibley said his family was awakened around 3:30 a. m. yesterday by the explosion, which shook the house.

Extent of damage was not estimated. There was a hole blown through the porch floor to the ground, and above it about 10 square feet of weatherboarding were ripped from the front of the house. No one was injured.

This followed the granting of a continuance to next Tuesday of the case in Recorder's Court against James R. Childers, accused of attacking a Negro on Formwalt Street supposedly "under instructions" from Columbian leaders.

There was no direct evidence, police said, that would connect the bombing with what is believed to be Columbian activity in the same section of Atlanta, but a thorough investigation has been launched.

The Sibley house is in the southwest Ashby section, where white and Negro residents recently have been engaged in disturbances.

Go North, Loomis

The Constitution
Atlanta, Ga.

Editor Constitution: These Yankees make me sick. Always coming down here and telling us what to do and how to run our business. Take this poor fellow Loomis, a foreigner who comes down here from New York trying to stir up trouble. Doesn't he have sense enough to know that we Southerners can run our own business and settle our own affairs? He doesn't know anything about our race problem—you can tell that by the way he is trying to solve it.

If Mr. Loomis, with his foreign name and his foreign ideas, wants to do something, why doesn't he go back to New York where they've got a nice rest home named Bellevue for his kind. After the way he treated his wife, there isn't much place for him down here. We respect our Southern womanhood, and know how to protect it. So if Mr. Loomis doesn't mind, he can just pack up his carpetbag and head North on the next train. As a native of Georgia and a resideInt of Tennessee, I believe that most Southerners feel this way about it.

Thurs. 11-21-46 CHARLES DRAKE.
Pleasant Hill, Tenn.

Pastors Urge Probe by Jury; Group Founder Free on Bond

Atlanta, Ga. Journal
November 1, 1946

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Homer L. Loomis, secretary and organizer of the Columbians, now at liberty under $5,000 bond, denounced the Atlanta police Monday after they had entered a private meeting of his organization on Sunday.

Loomis charged the police with interfering "with freedom of assembly" in attending a meeting on Formwalt Street and said they forced an adjournment of the group earlier than had been expected.

Meanwhile, the Atlanta Christian Council and the Atlanta Baptist Ministers Conferenc praised the work of police against the new hate organization and urged a grand jury investigation into its activities.

At the same time, Mayor William B. Hartsfield studied a ruling from the city attorney which held that any action to revoke the Columbians' charter must come from the state rather than the City of Atlanta. The opinion was requested by Police Chief M. A. Hornsby, who has declared he will do all in his power to crush the Columbians and have their charter revoked.

City Can Assist

Assistant City Attorney J. M. B. Bloodworth, who rendered the opinion, said that a city employe could be provided to assist the state attorney general in case charter revocation is attempted.

Columbian Secretary Loomis, a 32-year-old former Princeton student, who was released on bond with two of the three other Columbians who were arrested on charges of inciting a riot Saturday, was bitter in his denunciation of the Atlanta police.

He declared:

"I was speaking before a few people gathered in a private home. That's the way we have to work—hold these private meetings—because the cops are trying to pressure us.

"By these private meetings, we will gain strength.

Extension Plans

"We are a political organization, and we have a right to meet. The Columbians expect to spread out through the city of Atlanta. We want political control. And, as our power increases here, we plan to expand through Georgia . . . then the South . . . then the nation."

He said that he opened the meeting Sunday with a prayer and closed it with a prayer, even though police forced adjournment earlier than expected.

Police headquarters reported, however, that the session was nearly over when officers arrived after receipt of a telephone call asking them to investigate.

Loomis charged:

"We have a perfect right to organize to get the vote. What the cops did was try to break up the meeting, even though there's no law against our holding such meetings.

"That proves they're trying to bring pressure on us—and, if possible, provoke riots and violence, but we're too smart for that."

60 Ministers Act

At the meeting of the Baptist Ministers' Conference Monday some 60 ministers adopted a resolution denouncing the Columbian movement as "anarchy."

"It is inconceivable that the Christian people of our beloved city and country would remain complacent when sinister movements such as the Columbians appear to represent are unleashed on our people," the resolution stated.

The ministers also deplored the Columbians' use of threats, intimidation and alleged brutality to incite mob action and endanger life and property. A similar resolution was adopted by the Christian Council.

Besides Loomis, two of the other three Columbians were free Monday under bond: They were James Akins and R. L. Whitman. Police Chief Hornsby said the fourth, Jack Price, was being held for federal authorities because he was unable to produce a selective service registration card.

Chief Hornsby said he had received additional evidence of "hate-mongering" by the Columbians. It was a notice for the meeting which was held last Thursday night.

Addressed to "white men and women," the notice of the meeting said:

"The Columbians will explain their organization plans for your neighborhood, to keep the Negro out and stop his attack on white people."

The circular added that "an abandoned school building is being used as headquarters for clubs of Negro boys and men," who were attacking white people.

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HOMER LOOMIS JR.

MORGAN BLAKE

One 'Hate Organization' That Admits Hating

ONE THING YOU can say in favor of Ho Mr. Loomis says he spent a great deal of mer L. Loomis Jr., who is secretary o time in New York where he "learned to a new organization in Atlanta called Co- hate Jews and Negroes. After a time there lumbians, Inc., is that he is refreshingly both, are a great menace frank about his own feelings on the race to society and that the question. thing." organization they repre- sent is performing a patriotic duty.

It is seldom indeed But Mr. Loomis Jr., who evidently found-

ed the Columbians here, frankly admits that "hate" is the controlling influence behind his organization and that is why they have decided to "start something."

They Always Require Heavy Odds

The Columbians got under way when three young hoodlums blackjacked and beat up a Negro boy. The Columbians, the Klan and similar organizations always use the "superior numbers" technique. They take no chance of being beat up themselves by a "one against one" technique. Their hate doesn't influence them that far. They work in gangs. It will be recalled in the Walton County murders that twenty armed white men attacked four defenseless Negroes, two of them women, and shot them to death. It was a very courageous exhibition of "white supremacy."

The plan of the Columbians evidently is to police the city and keep the Negroes and the Jews in their place. Chief of Police Hornsby apparently does not desire such co-operation for he says "my department will do the policing of Atlanta and we won't tolerate any interference from the Columbians or any other such organization."

It is to be hoped that these words of Chief Hornsby will be reflected in the future activities of the police towards such organizations seeking to take the place of the legally constituted authority. They should let Mr. Loomis Jr. know that if he persists in his plans to "start something," they will "start something" with him.

The peace loving people of Atlanta surely should have every right to hope that the police and the courts of Atlanta and Fulton County have sufficient strength to afford them protection from such a brazen organization as the Columbians.

The New Dog Law Makes Luther Sad

A new law will go into effect in the city on January 1, which will compel owners of dogs to confine them on the premises except when taken out on a leash.

Among the many who will regret this is Luther, a colored man who is a very excellent yard worker in our neighborhood. Luther has two little black dogs (father and son), who accompany him everywhere he goes, and are the two best behaved dogs I ever saw. Whenever Luther is working in a yard the little dogs lie down near him and are perfect gentlemen. One of the most familiar sights in our neighborhood is Luther and his two dogs walking along the street from one job to the next. Luther has certainly trained his dogs well, and it will well-nigh break his heart when they can't follow him.

Little Boy Protests

I have a letter from a little friend, David Leach, age 12, 570 Gresham Ave., S. E. He says:

"I bet you can help me. Remember mother and I were in to see you one time.

"My problem is that I have two dogs that I don't want to have to give up on account of the new law.

"Micky is a reddish brown Dachshund. Laddie is a mixture of Collie and German Police. They are so different looking, but such good pals. Laddie protects Micky if another dog tries to harm him. Laddie goes with mother to the street car every morning when she starts to her job at the Y. M. C. A. Mr. Blake, you ought to see my dogs. I have taught them lots of tricks. They love boxing and wrestling with me. Maybe The Journal would like to come out and make my dogs' pictures. If so I get home from Murphy High School at 4:00.

"I thought this might help in the interest of boys and their dogs Mr. Blake. If you can help I would appreciate."

Why Not Leash the Columbians?

My first reaction after reading David's letter was that perhaps greater protection would be afforded the people if the police let the dogs roam and instead make it mandatory for all members of the Columbians to be confined on their premises, save when they are taken out on leashes.

The new law will, of course, impose a hardship on some people and some very nice dogs. But I am sure that my little friend David and other little boys with dogs are unselfish enough to want to do what is best for the city as a whole. I am sure the authorities would not sponsor such a law unless they had made a thorough investigation of the matter, and were convinced it was for the best interests of all the people. After all, the dogs are not to be destroyed. The boys will still have them and can play with them on the premises, and can take them out on leashes.

There are a lot of good dogs, but there are also a lot of mean ones, and too dangerous to let run wild. And they are becoming so numerous in many sections that they are a terrible nuisance.

It may be the new law will prove too drastic. But let's give it a trial.

Let All the "Silly" Organize

The News and Courier

An organization, or company, in Atlanta, state of Georgia, is described by The Record, Columbia, South Carolina, president of that town's college of auguries, as "silly". So it may be. We wish that all the silly people in the United States would organize—provided that they wear no masks. Counteracting the influence of the silly when they are organized and in the open is much easier than when they are individuals wandering, loafing around, loose.

Charleston, S. C. Sun 11-10-46

Dan Duke Trial Is Postponed

The Constitution

The trial of Asst. Atty. Gen. Dan Duke on assault and battery charges filed by Emory C. Burke, President of the Columbians, Inc., whom Duke floored with his fist in Fulton Superior Court Saturday, was postponed yesterday until Dec. 6.

Atlanta, Ga. Wed. 11-27-46

Duke requested postponement of the trial which originally had been set for today in the Civil Court of Fulton County.

SONG LAUGHS AT KKK

Journal

CLEVELAND — (ANP) — An amateur song writer, Jesse L. Butler, waiter in one of the large downtown hotels here, has written a song which ridicules the bedsheeted Ku Klux Klan through six merry stanzas. Entitled "How Can You Stand That Heat?" the first stanza goes: "How can you stand that heat underneath a snow white sheet, Mr. Ku, Ku, Ku. Air is free for you and me, so come on out, freedom shouts." Butler has dedicated the song to Georgia's Klan-hating Gov. Arnall.

Chicago, Ill. Sat. 11-2-46

Act Now

The Constitution

Editor Constitution: I have been waiting in vain for an expose of this notorious group of hoodlums called "Columbians," who thrive on racial hatred and intolerance. It is unfortunate for Atlanta, and for the State of Georgia to have weak-kneed officials who let off this fascist organization with only a "stern warning." Their charter to deal in hate should be forthwith cancelled and all the assailants of this poor defenseless Negro boy should be dealth with mercilessly.

Atlanta, Ga. Mon. 11-4-46

PERCY DYSON.
Atlanta

Negro Congress Aids Fight on Columbians

Daily Worker, New York, N. Y.

Revels Cayton, executive secretary of the National Negro Congress, today wired Gov. Ellis Arnall of Georgia, pledging support of the NNC to his efforts "to disband the new hate-peddling group" known as the Columbians.

Thurs. 11-14-46

Praising Arnall's courageous effort to have the Georgia Superior Court revoke the charter of the Columbians, Cayton said the "terrorizing of Negroes and Jews in Atlanta stems from the same ideology of racial superiority as that practiced by the Nazis in Europe for whose defeat so many lives were sacrificed."

GEORGIA EDITORS SAY:

The Constitution

Atlanta, Ga.

WHY COLUMBIANS?

Thurs. 11-28-46

(Banks County Journal)

Tammany has had an organization named "Columbians" many years, but it is no enemy of Negroes and Jews. The organization sprung up in Atlanta, calling itself Columbians. Must have named it for Columbus. According to news report the organization only has a few hundred members and they are Jew and Negro haters. We can't understand why an organization bearing that name would fight Jews, because Christopher Columbus came from a family of converted Jews. Makes no difference what religious belief his people had accepted, he was still a Jew, just the same, when he discovered this country.

Order Columbians From Union Hall

The Constitution

Atlanta, Ga.

Homer L. Loomis, and several other Columbians yesterday afternoon were ordered out of the Plumbers and Steamfitters Union Hall, 198½ Whitehall St., after they had moved in before closing time to insure the hall being open to them for a Columbian meeting last night.

Sun. 11-22-46

B. L. Brantley, Business Agent of the Union, ordered them out and when the Columbians refused, police were called. Police Lt. J. F. Brown told Loomis to get his men out as Brantley requested so the hall could be locked up, or the Columbians would be taken to jail.

The Columbians left after being assured use of the hall for the meeting.

Man Who Floored Columbian Leader Gets Summons

The Courier-Journal, Louisville, Ky. Tues. 11-26-46

Atlanta, Nov. 25 (AP)—Assistant Attorney General Dan Duke announced today he had been summoned to answer charges of assault and battery in court Wednesday, brought by Emory C. Burke, president of the anti-Jewish, anti-Negro Columbians, Inc.

Duke said the Brown-shirted leader of the avowed "hate" group, whom he felled with a blow of his fist in Fulton Superior Court, had sought unsuccessfully for a bench warrant. He added that he had agreed to appear without compulsion and would be defended by several Atlanta lawyers.

Duke disclosed he had received an avalanche of messages congratulating him on his action in striking Burke.

Would-Be Nazis.

The Constitution

Editor Constitution: Certainly Mr. Charles Drake, of Pleasant Hill, Tenn., writing in The Constitution of Nov. 21, is right in his attitude toward the Columbians. I despise the would-be Nazis as much as he does; if possible, more so.

However, Mr. Drake is unconsciously following the same line taken by Loomis and his henchmen. The Columbians are using the Hitler tactic of "divide and conquer—suppress the minorities first." Mr. Drake hits at "Yankees" coming to the South, and that "we Southerners can run our own affairs."

Atlanta, Ga.

This is no time for division. No time for Yankees, no time for "Southerners," no time for "Easterners," no time for "Westerners."

This is one great America and we are all Americans.

12-1-46

Nor am I a "Yankee." I was born right here in Atlanta.

Sun. PAUL HARDING.
Atlanta.

Discouraging

The Constitution

Editor Constitution: I want to express my sincere appreciation of your editorial in The Constitution today entitled "A New Bid for Suckers." You have rendered the people of Atlanta and Georgia a real service to bring to light the dark, undercover activities of this hate organization. It is my sincere hope all the Atlanta papers will continue to expose this newest expression of un-Americanism.

Atlanta, Ga. Sun. 11-22-46

If such organizations as the Klan and the Columbians are allowed free rein in our country the cleavages between classes and races will only grow deeper and wider. I imagine that it is terribly discouraging to our peacemakers to observe that the very problems barring a settlement of disputes in the United Nations are growing in our own country. Keep the light turned on until these cowardly goons are brought under control.

Thurs. 11-21-46

REV. THOMAS J. HOLMES.
Manchester.

Rep. J. Parnell Thomas Scores Columbians

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26—(AP)—Georgia's Columbians have "no place in America," Rep. J. Parnell Thomas, Republican, New Jersey, declared here Tuesday.

The Constitution

Thomas is slated to become Chairman of the House Committee on un-American Activities in the new Congress, succeeding Rep. Wood, Democrat, Georgia.

Atlanta, Ga. Wed. 11-27-46

The Columbians, with headquarters in Atlanta, advocate "white supremacy" and have tangled several times with Georgia law enforcement officials who are now seeking dissolution of the charter under which the group was organized.

Thomas made his anti-Columbian declaration in a prepared statement setting forth "the first order of business" for the Committee after he takes over.

"There is no place in America for the Columbians or the Communists," Thomas' statement said. "We must be just as alert for those forces which would seek to destroy us from the totalitarian right as those from the totalitarian left."

New 'Moral' Group Faces Investigation For Beating Negro

The News, Birmingham, Ala. Wed. 10-30-46

ATLANTA, Oct. 30—(AP)—The reported black-jacking of a Negro who officers said was walking along "tending to his own business" brought an order from Police Chief M. A. Hornsby for an investigation to determine if the attackers were members of a newly organized anti-Negro group.

Clifford Hines, 23-year-old Negro, told officers he was severely beaten Monday night with a blackjack by three white men.

Patrolmen K. A. Wooster and J. T. Bowen said one of two white men found holding the Negro in the rear of an automobile ripped an insignia from his shoulder and attempted to hide it. They said the insigna was similiar to that worn by members of Columbians, Inc., an organization recently granted a charter in Fulton (Atlanta) Superior Court. The organization listed its aims as working for a "national unity."

Detective Lt. J. H. Davis reported. The other men were not on charges of "suspicion of assault and bat-held.

The Racial Hate Zombie Walks Again

Bar Sinister

Jennings Perry
PM New York, N.Y.

ATLANTA, GA.

At the corner of Peachtree and Pryor, I hailed me the pretty maid. Fair-haired she was and near 11. The sleeve of her brown blouse had on it the lightning emblem (it looked like Reddy Kilowatt's leg) I had been seeing in the prints. Weds 11-13-46

"Honey," I said, "are you a Columbian, Inc.?"

She nodded brightly.

"Yes, we are."

She said her father was "a veteran." When I asked: "Do you hate Negroes?" she just grinned.

"Jews?"

The child giggled and walked away.

It is hard to tell how many

Perry

belong to the Atlanta Circle of the newest blackjack organization, because the wives, children and girl-friends of the members wear the emblem, too. Its spokesmen claim 2000. The police say 250.

My friends in Atlanta do not believe Columbians, Inc., will last long. They think the Columbians are too naively fascist and that their brownshirt garb lacks the "secrecy appeal" of the hooded KKK, of which the new groups is a spiritual offshoot.

What interets me is the failure of the Atlantans to try to blame "outside influence" for the Columbians. Some of the labor people do guess that "somebody" is putting up the money for them, but they admit they are guessing. The young founder of the order, Homer Loomis, described by the Atlantan *Constitution's* disgusted editor as "a wife and child deserter whose first wife also reported him to be very queer indeed," is from New York.

And ordinarily this would be enough to give the South an out. But Loomis would not have come "down here," my Atlanta friends confess, unless circumstances favored his scurry enterprise which is, in effect, what Loomis himself has said. They point out that, though the fracas that brought the brownshirt order to light was over housing, housing is actually short everywhere, and that there are Negroes in many places. True the Klan had "ploughed the field," and Talmadge was returning to power—all that invited Loomis. But there must be, they insisted, something else.

I give for what it is worth an explanation put forward by one intelligent woman, a teacher at the State University. She held up an item in the *Constitution* reporting the purchase in England for $16,000 of the *Georginana Panere* for removal to Georgia.

"A lot of people won't want to see those papers published," she said grimly. "They will have the names of all our first families, the ones that were transported. They weren't all innocent debtors by any means. Some were the scum and sweepings of the streets of London."

She recalled the ruthlessness of the settlement of the state and how after the revolution, released from the restraint of Colonial authority, the coast Georgians began that rapacious surge against the friendly Cherokee Nation in the north which ended with the bloody expulsion that is one of the blots upon American history.

"They were ready to exterminate the Indians to get their lands and houses, and came near doing it. These stupid boys talking of getting rid of the Negroes are repeating what they have inherited.

The way she had it was that this streak of bad blood persists.

"After all, we're not three generations from it."

She was depressed, as are many Georgians, about the bleak political outlook.

"These are my people," she said bitterly, "but a part of us is not yet civilized. That's why the Loomises look here—and Talmadge comes back."

I don't know how widely this theory of unregeneration would be countenanced in Georgia. Not widely out loud, I suspect. But not all my friends there who find the prospect gloomy find it hopeless. They dream and plan. They see no way out unless the Democratic Party machinery can be recaptured by the progressives, but that is a way. It has been done. They are looking to the coming Talmadge regime, to the excesses of such native excrescences as the Klan and Columbians, Inc., to help open the way again.

Whose Baby?

The Constitution
Atlanta, Ga.

Editor Constitution: The generous thanks of all decent people are yours for your two editorials of Nov. 1 and 2 against the Columbians, Inc., and for the fine reporting of your Keeler McCartney. But, frankly, whose offspring is this infamous Hitlerian gang, anyway? Thurs 11-21-46

Why haven't you told your readers that it was legalized on Aug. 16, 1946, with a charter by the State of Georgia with its purpose clearly stated: "To encourage our people to think in terms of race, nation, and faith, and to work for a national moral reawakening in order to build a progressive white community that is bound together by a deep spiritual consciousness of the past and determination to share a common future," and that Vester M. Ownby drafted the charter which was approved by Judge Frank A. Hooper and notarized by Clerk J. W. Simmons, both of Fulton County Superior Court? Even the Biblical "wayfaring man," reading as he runs, could understand that language and at once smell the "rats" in the charter. Why didn't Judge Hooper?

Again, is there no paternal responsibility for this race-hating, Georgia-chartered mob in the race-hating Talmadge campaign which closed just one month before this charter was granted? The Columbians claim the Talmadge crowd as their parental protectors and I, for one, believe they know. Is the attorney who wrote the charter a Klansman, as reported? But in your editorial Nov. 2, you assume to speak for Gov. Talmadge: "Gov. Talmadge is not anti-Jewish or anti-Catholic and these street rats are." Why didn't you add "or anti-Negro"? This is a vastly more tragic "anti" than the others simply because of the ratio of Negroes to Jews and Catholics in Georgia. Were you trying to "smoke out" the Governor or did you write that with your "tongue in cheek"? Well, you got your answer in Sunday's report from the Piedmont Hospital when the

Governor was asked about the Columbians: "I am not Governor yet, so I have nothing to say." Exactly in line with his previous comments about the Monroe massacre of four Negroes and Gov. Arnall's prosecution of the KKK.

Finally, are not we church members just as responsible for the KKK, Columbians, and all such Nazi gangs because so many of us be an unpleasant odor in the organization indeed, when even work very well. All that they used in his day was a little tar and feathers liberally applied to the punks with their sore spot plus a ride out of town on a rail. It seemed to work very well in his day and I'm thinking that it might affect a cure in a lot of people who seem to be peed ing it today. It must be a pretty low down organization to be laughed at; in-

the Coo Coo Clan denounces it. (Mr.) Loomis says "in six months we will run Atlanta." If I am not mistaken Hitler said "Tomorrow the world." At least (Mr.) Loomis admits that it will take him a little longer to conquer the city. Seriously though, this is not an

My grandfather had a m for such rabble rouser trouble makers that seem

FRANK W. CLELLAND.
Atlanta.

Punks

Editor Constitution: There seems

stead, it is more like a loathsome disease which should be exterminated. At the present no one seems to be taking him very seriously, except maybe a few of our more ignorant and misguided people, but remember, no one took Adolph very seriously either, until it was too late. Atlanta, Ga.

Sure, revoke their charter, but don't stop there, in fact, don't stop until the organization is crushed and exterminated, and its leaders either locked up or run out of the State. We have no place here for such hate breeders as these and others like them. We just finished a war to exterminate such vermin as these, but it seems we overlooked a few snakes in our own back yard. (Mr.) Loomis says, "There are certain things anybody ought to hate." On this point I agree with him; and organizations such as his are one of those things.

Let's hope that the day is not far off when that organization will be crushed and torn to bits as (Mr.) Burke so cornily tore up their charter. 9-7-46 Sat

JAMES TAYLOR.
Atlanta.

Several Groups Rap Columbians, Inc.

The Newspaper-Herald Birmingham, Ala.

ATLANTA, Nov. 2—(AP)—Ex-soldiers, women lawyers and the clergy joined today in censuring the anti-Negro, anti-Jewish local unit of Columbians, Inc., already in hot water with the Atlanta Police Department. Sun. 11-3-46

Revocation of the charter of "this hate-preaching group" was urged in a statement issued by Lester H. Pursells, local chairman of the American Veterans Committee. The statement asserted the ideology of the Columbians was "Hitler-like" and commended the department for its stand against the secret order.

A police probe also was commended in resolutions adopted by the Georgia Association of Women Lawyers.

Church members were asked to "speak out" against secret societies and in favor of "law enforcement and goodwill" by Dr. Harrison McMains, pastor of the First Christian Church, speaking at a meeting sponsored by the Atlanta Council of Church Women.

The police department has charged the Columbians with trying to usurp police powers by patrolling streets in carrying out their chartered purpose of working for a "progressive white community."

At a Columbians meeting Friday night, Local President Emory C. Burke pinned a "medal of honor" on a 17-year-old member charged by police with blackjacking a Negro Monday night. At the same meeting, Homer L. Loomis, Jr., secretary of the local unit, declared "I hate the Jews" because "they have never become a part of the American way of life."

Several Jewish war veterans attended the meeting and city detectives narrowly averted a clash when one of them asserted "half of what you (Loomis) have been saying is lies."

On Columbians:

The Constitution

Editor Constitution: For years The Constitution has been an institution in my home and the material on its pages has been a part of our thinking. I am not one of the many "rescuers of humanity" that smear our pages with fanfare and chatter about how fast we're all going to the bow-wows. However, you may adopt the gist of the following if you like and use any portion you like in your own column.

Recently, Atlanta has become the nest of violence, uprising, terrorists, and just about everything of that caliber with a few others thrown in. I don't believe these rabble rousers are Atlantans. I believe they have filtered in here from other localities—maybe as far as 3,000 miles away, and have taken it upon themselves to "run" things more or less to suit themselves. I say this because it is contrary to the nature of genuine Atlanta people to be violent.

Speaking more specifically, the latest crop of upstarts, which is undoubtedly a branch office of the SS Elite Guard (look at their insignia and compare it with SS troopers')—the Columbians—have established their purpose as one which is contrary to thoughts of people in other parts of the country which, like Atlanta, like their violence in story books or on the movie screen. Atlanta, Ga.

The Constitution has given too much publicity already to these fuzzy-headed SS men.

Isn't the police force large enough to clear up this matter alone and quietly? Or are they so involved that they are bound to stay still and look the other way? How did the Columbians ever get large enough to have meetings? Who approved their charter? Did he get a "cut" out of the deal, or was he told it was just another Sunday School Club? Why wasn't the rabble meeting dispersed immediately with orders issued to arrest anyone further engaging? We have detectives that go sneaking around in radio-equipped cars trying to catch prominent citizens necking on side streets, but to infiltrate these organizations as a member or otherwise has apparently never occurred to them. Thurs. 11-21-46

In 1923, just such a meeting took place in a beer hall in Germany. Had it been nipped, there would be a lot of boys alive and happy today who will never be heard of again. Have we a police department or just a bunch of hillbillies who call themselves detectives? Does political pressure have to be brought before such conditions can be rectified?

DURANTE W. PARKER.
Atlanta.

THE SOUTHEAST

The Times

Georgia Moves to Suppress New Rival of Klan

New York, N.Y.

By GEORGE HATCHER

ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 9—Atlanta residents have been aroused to action against a self-proclaimed "benevolent and patriotic society" chartered as Columbians, Inc. which is admittedly anti-Jewish and anti-Negro, and is pledged to work publicly for its avowed object of reviving "authentic American national spirit."

The Columbians' membership does not appear to be large and the group's leaders are reluctant to give out any statistics. It is asserted, however, that textile mill workers have been enlisted in connection with the Columbians' opposition to "un-American efforts of the CIO to communize workers." Sun. 11-10-46

Some college students are reported among their ranks. The average age of those attending recent meetings appears to be about 25 years. The annual membership dues are $3 for each person and leaders insist that these fees finance the Columbians' three-room headquarters and other expenses of their operations, although admitting that a few contributions have been received from givers who "believe in our cause."

Churchmen have termed the movement "anarchy." Law enforcement authorities call it a brand of Hitlerism. The State of Georgia has filed civil suit seeking revocation of the group's charter, alleging that it is fostering hate and intolerance. Grand jury action is being sought.

Emory Burke, president of the Columbians, flatly states that his order rejects the idea that America is a melting pot and that it vigorously opposes the plan to permit immigration of displaced Europeans into the United States. He insists that steps must be taken to prevent the further inter-marriage of whites and Negroes and that white supremacy must be re-established and preserved throughout the country. Mr. Burke says he is a native of Montgomery, Ala., and 31 years of age.

Although their principles are similar in many respects to those of the Ku Klux Klan, the Columbians, to all appearances, are actually in competition with the hooded order.

GEORGIA LAW URGED TO END SUBVERSION

New York N.Y. Times Jues 8-20-46

Ruling Similar to New York's Sought by State Official to Restrict Fraternal Groups

KLAN-TYPE SOCIETY CITED

Assistant Attorney General Is Opposed to Charter Granted the New Columbians, Inc.

By HAROLD B. HINTON
Special to The New York Times.

ATLANTA, Ga., Aug. 19—Georgia law is ineffective to prevent incorporation of potentially subversive organizations under the guise of fraternal associations, Daniel Duke, Assistant State Attorney General, said today. He expressed the hope that Georgia's General Assembly will enact stricter regulatory legislation along the lines existing in New York State law.

He was commenting on the issuance of a charter on Saturday to the Columbians, Incorporated, described as a benevolent and patriotic society designed to "create votin gsolidarity among all white American citizens." The objects of the new organization were stated as follows in its application:

"To encourage our people to think in terms of race, nation and faith and to work for a national moral reawakening in order to build a progressive white community that is bound together by a deep spiritual consciousness of a common past and a determination to share ea common future."

Inconsistency is Considered

Mr. Duke is in charge of Georgia's quo warranto proceedings to void th echarter of the Knights of the Klu Klux Klan, Incorporated, which will be heard here on Sept. 9. He conceded a certain inconsistence in the State's action to nullify one organization's charter while simultaneously granting incorporation for thirty-five years to another which, to him, looked like very much the same thing. Jues 8-20-46

Georgia has had several fraternal organizations launched in competition with the Klan, starting with the Flaming Sword in 1920. They have all faded out in a short time. Until the Columbians began corporate existence on Saturday, the most recent one had been We the People, organized in 1944. Its organizer, Vester Ownby, local attorney, was listed by the Columbians as lawyer for the newcomer.

The incorporators of the Columbians were listed as: Emory Burke, Homer L. Loomis Jr. and John H. Zimmerlee Jr., all of Atlanta. Mr. Burke described himself as the "sole authority" within the organization to determine matters of policy. Mr. Loomis and Mr. Zimmerlee were said to be war veterans while Mr. Burke said he had not seen any military service. He said he is 31 years old, a high school graduate from Montgomery, Ala., and a civil engineer by profession.

In an interview today, Mr. Burke said that the decision to organize the Columbians was made "as a movement of reaction against our history for many years past." He added that his society especially repudiated the idea that America is a melting spot and that it would oppose President Truman's plan to permit the immigration of displaced persons from Europe into the United States.

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This will be accomplished, at least in the South, by insuring the voting solidarity of all white American citizens, Mr. Burke explained. He expressed concern lest the future of the United States be jeopardized by racial admixture of the kind he deplored in South America, and particularly in Brazil.

Asked whether he thought his theories had anything in common with the "master race" tenets of Hitlerian Germany, Mr. Burke reflected and replied in the negative. He said Hitler had tried to set up one strain of white blood of mixed origin, as a separate race, alleged to be superior to other white men.

Mr. Burke's concern was frankly over racial fusion of whites and Negroes. He took the position that laws against inter-marriage of whites and blacks must be rigorously preserved and enforced. He said that he had heard such unions are on the increase in northern states where they are not prohibited by law. Jues 8-20-46

The Columbians have been in existence for some time, Mr. Burke said. But only recently decided that incorporation would facilitate the organization's mission. He declared that he intends to establish branch units throughout the country and predicted country-wide rallying to the principles of association sponsors, on the ground that "our people are disillusioned" and demand a change of leadership. Jues 8-20-46

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COLUMBIANS SUED ON CHARTER RECALL

Georgia Alleges Kinship With Klan and 'Peddling Hate'—Leader Scoffs at Action

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The Times Wed. 11-6-46

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Columbians, Incorporated (Georgia)

Atlanta, Ga. Journal
Aug. 21, 1946

Negro Shrine Raps Columbian Charter

Georgia's award of a charter to an organization known as "Columbians, Incorporated" was criticized Tuesday night by Raymond A. Jackson, imperial potentate of the Ancient Egyptian Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at a meeting of 8,000 Negro members at Philadelphia.

He asserted the organization is "obviously an attempt to evade Georgia laws aimed at outlawing the Ku Klux Klan," adding: "changing of labels doesn't change the brand of hatred peddled against racial and religious minorities throughout the U. S. by un-American organizations such as this."

The Negro Shrine is patterned after, but separate from, its white namesake.

Americus, Ga. Recorder
Aug. 27, 1946

Columbians, Inc., Is Newest Anti-Negro Group In Georgia

ATLANTA, Aug. 27.—(AP)—Columbians, Inc., Georgia newest anti-negro organization, made its first bid for membership last night at a rally in suburban East Point.

Approximately 400 persons, including many women, heard Emory Burke, a draftsman for the Atlanta & West Point Railroad, who heads the organization, plead for white supremacy.

At the close of the meeting, the audience was invited to join the organization at a cost of $3 a year dues plus $2 a year for a subscription to "The Thunderbolt", the group's monthly publication.

Aroused Citizens Bring Action Against Hate-Mongers in Georgia

The Worker New York, N.Y. Sun. 11

By Mary Southard

ATLANTA.—Governor Ellis Arnall responded to the indignant protests of Atlanta citizens by asking Georgia officials to take action to revoke the charter of the native hate-mongering organization, the Columbians, Inc.

The Columbians, Inc., stirred the Atlanta community last week by open assault on a Negro youth, dynamiting and stoning of two Negro homes, distributing inflamatory circulars, and holding open meetings where rabid attacks on Negroes, Jews, Communists were shouted out in storm-trooper style. The Columbians announced publicly that the Atlanta police were unable to "protect the white people" and therefore they were going to do the job.

The Columbians, Inc., is no secret order. It has been operating in broad daylight on Atlanta streets. It claims 5,400 members in the city. The members wear khaki uniforms with a red-flash insignia on the sleeve. Their "leader," Homer L. Loomis, Jr., has an open office downtown and he has announced to press and public that his organization wants to ship the Negroes back to Africa, get rid of the Jews and Communists and that the Columbians are out to win domination of Atlanta, then Georgia and then the other 47 states. Sun 11-10-46

Their immediate campaign to promote violence between white and Negro citizens is based on the acute housing shortage in Atlanta and the break-down of zoning barriers, which have kept Negro residents restricted to certain already overcrowded sections of the city. Seeking relief from the frightful overcrowding, a number of Negroes have bought homes on the adjacent streets in the "white zones."

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IN THE OFFICE of Columbians, Inc., is a map of these "danger zones" and the khaki-clad gangs move in on these neighborhoods to stir up violence among white residents against Negroes who have bought homes.

On Nov. 2 the Atlanta chief of police arrested four of the ringleaders of a group of Columbians, who were trying to get up a mob to prevent a Negro from moving into a home he had just bought on Garibaldi St. in a predominantly white neighborhood.

These four men, including Loomis, are charged with disorderly conduct and inciting to riot. A subsequent raid on their headquarters resulted in capture of a store of ammunition and blackjacks.

These actions of the Atlanta police department and the governor's request for removal of the Columbians' charter are a response to the wave of protest that came from Atlanta citizens including churchmen, women's groups, veterans, labor and civis organizations.

The Baptist Ministers Conference stated, "It is inconceivable that we should remain complacent while sinister movements, such as the Columbians appear to represent, are unleashed on our people. . . ."

County solicitor E. E. Andrews served notice that "peddlers of prejudice, racial hatred and religious intolerance will not be tolerated in the county."

The assistant attorney general, in a public statement, charged that the Klan and the Columbians "are one and the same thing. . . . The KK and Gene Talmade are the hens that hatched this biddy."

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COLUMBIANS PROBE PUSHED AFTER BLAST

Blackjacking Trial Delayed as Officers Seek More Witnesses

Bombing of a Negro house at 333 Ashby Street, S. W., early Thursday sent city detectives on a fresh trail in their all-out investigation of racial outrages and the anti-Negro Columbians.

This came after plainclothesmen, working on the blackjacking of Clifford Hines, obtained a continuance to next Tuesday of the Recorder's Court case against

City police Thursday took down and confiscated two posters apparently erected by the Columbians, Inc., purporting to "zone" certain residential areas in Atlanta as "white communities."

The posters, measuring about 8 by 10 inches, are emblazoned in blue ink: "Zoned as a White Community." They bear the insignia of the Columbians, a red flash through a circle. Printed at the bottom was: "The Columbians, Inc., 82 Bartow St."

Investigation revealed that a number of the posters had been nailed up on houses in areas where Negroes have been acquiring property formerly occupied by whites.

James R. Childers, accused of attacking the Negro on Formwalt Street Monday night while allegedly "on assignment" from the recently formed order.

The Ashby Street house, occupied by Minnie Sibley, was shaken by an explosion about 3:30 o'clock Thursday morning, police reported, and the theory was advanced it was hurled from a passing automobile.

Several windows in the front of

Let's Act Quickly and Emphatically

The Constitution Atlanta, Ga.

The little punks who so far have appeared in the news as the Columbians, a hate organization, have by their own testimony given ample evidence for revoking their charter.

These hoodlums admit, even boast, that their purpose is an illegal one, it being organized to incite rioting and defiance of law and the courts. Sat. 11-2-46

They appear to be the juvenile delinquent type who made up the mobs of Al Capone which went about breaking windows of firms who would not pay for protection.

If the City of Atlanta or the State of Georgia puts up with these cheap little punks and hoodlums and treats them as anything else but what they are—immature gangsters—we will regret having to deal with their swollen arrogance in later weeks. This is what California and other States have experienced.

Let the police give them a treatment or so—raid their quarters for the explosives and guns they seem to be using—and let the courts act accordingly.

There are too many young boys at loose ends in this, and every other city, who might be attracted to such a gang because of its underworld characteristics to let it go on.

Gov.-Nominate Eugene Talmadge will surely lend his influence, and that of his friends, to assist in bringing them to order. They privately are boasting they will have his protection. The Constitution knows this is not true and resents it for him. Gov. Talmadge is not anti-Jewish or anti-Catholic and these street rats are. Let every decent person throw his weight in behind this. Now!

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More Light on Group

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Mr. Hilderbrand said Loomis was secretary and organizer of the Atlanta chapter of Columbians, and that Emory C. Burke, a railroad man, of 1486 Marbut Avenue, S. E., was president.

Loomis Thursday "replied" to the detective chief ... press accounts of the Monday ...izer was a former ... night beating with a flat state... ...of a prominent at... ment of "we're not guilty." ...nswick County.

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'Suit Says Group Stirs 'Hate and Intolerance'

Atlanta, Ga. Journal
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The State of Georgia filed suit shortly after noon Tuesday in Fulton Superior Court seeking to dissolve the charter of the Columbians, Inc., on the grounds that the organization "is peddling hate and intolerance among our people."

Assistant Attorney General Dan Duke brought quo warranto proceedings in the name of Attorney General Eugene Cook. The suit asks the Columbians to show cause why their charter should not be revoked.

The action was accepted by Fulton Judge E. E. Pomeroy, and Friday, November 15, at 9:30 a. m., fixed as the time for the defendants to answer or face judgment by default.

Arguments Set

At the same time, Mr. Duke asked and was granted an order from Judge Pomeroy fixing the week of November 25 for opening arguments on the demurrers in the state's similar charter action against the Ku Klux Klan, Incorporated.

Informed Tuesday by The Journal that the state was filing suit in the court to revoke the charter of his Columbians, Homer L. Loomis Jr., leader of the red flash order, only laughed. "Revoke our charter? That won't stop us," he declared. "We're not particularly concerned over the charter. We'll fight the suit on general principles, of course, but revocation would have no effect on our progress. It will only serve to make our people more interested in our program."

The attorney general took action in the case within five minutes after receiving an order from Governor Ellis Arnall authorizing him to proceed against the organization which has been intimidating Negroes in Atlanta.

However, the attorney general pointed out that civil action to dissolve the Columbian charter is a slow process and he expressed the hope that local Fulton County authorities would not "attempt to camouflage their responsibilities by leaving the entire job to the state law department, which cannot institute criminal actions against officials and members of the order."

In his letter ordering the attorney general to act against the Columbians on behalf of the State of Georgia, Governor Arnall said:

Law Violation Charged

"The basis of this action is to be that the corporation is violating and has violated the laws of Georgia. In our zeal for tolerance we ourselves must not become intolerant and I am very anxious for the Law Department to make it clear that the civil and constitutional rights of all the people must be protected and guaranteed, even though many of us do not agree with their philosophies and expressions.

"The basis for the action against the Columbians, Inc., must be soundly predicated on the allegation that the organization has forfeited its charter privileges by reason of law violation. There is no place in the world today for hate organizations which, in order to survive, must constantly undertake to violate the law in the promotion of their infamous philosophy."

Assistant Attorney General Duke, in taking charge of the civil case, said that he had informants inside the Columbians and has a more complete file already on their activities than the city attorney and county authorities turned over to him late Monday.

Taking up the cudgels from the attorney general, Fulton Solicitor General E. E. (Shorty) Andrews Tuesday served notice that "peddlers of prejudice, racial hatred and religious intolerance will not be permitted in this county." He "solemnly" promised their prosecution "to the utmost limit of the law."

Youth Faces Trial

Meanwhile, 17-year-old James R. Childers, first confessed member of the order to have been arrested, was to face trial at 4:30 p. m., Tuesday for assault and battery on a Negro, whom he was alleged by police to have helped beat up.

From Washington, United States Attorney General Tom Clark wired Mayor Hartsfield congratulations that "your Atlanta law enforcement officers acted with vigor and dispatch in the recent arrest of an apparently lawless group."

THREE OF COLUMBIANS INDICTED IN ATLANTA

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

New York, N. Y.

ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 18—Three members of Columbians, Inc., anti-Negro and anti-Jewish organization, were indicted by the Fulton County (Atlanta) Grand Jury today.

Emory Burke, president, and Homer L. Loomis Jr., secretary of the organization, were accused of the misdemeanor offense of usurping police authority.

James Ralph Childers, 17, was charged with riot, a felony, in connection with the blackjack beating of Clifford Hines, a Negro. The beating occurred on a residential street in an area of "racial tension" as the result of Negroes moving into a neighborhood which previously had been exclusively white.

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The indictment against Burke and Loomis accuses them of violating a section of the city code which outlines the authority of the chief of police.

They were charged with employing police tactics to patrol certain areas of the city.

Meanwhile, the Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 72 announced a decision to deny the Columbians further use of the union's hall as the result of damage caused by a tear gas bomb during last Thursday's meeting of the organization.

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Columbians Pledge Anti-Negro Patrols

Fanatical Shouts Accompany Medal Award To Leader Awaiting Trial on Violence Charge

After pinning a medal on youthful Ralph Childers, now awaiting trial for the blackjack beating of a Negro on Formwalt Street, 250 shouting members of Columbians, Inc., heard their leaders pledge to continue the patroling of Atlanta's streets "to protect white Anglo-Saxons from the Negroes."

Several hundred Jews visited the meeting hall at 198½ Whitehall Street, S. W., coming there, as one spokesman said, to "listen and observe only." As the open meeting came to a close, Columbian Secretary Homer L. Loomis Jr. asked all nonmembers to withdraw. One member of the Jewish delegation stepped forward and said, "Just a minute; half of the things you've been saying are lies."

Numerous Columbians leaped to their feet, and there were cries of "Throw him out!" But other members of the delegation and four Atlanta detectives quickly took hold of the situation and the hall was cleared without further incident.

Trouble Feared

Detective Superintendent E. I. Hilderbrand said he assigned two additional men to duty at the meeting hall when members of the movement reported "they are coming down to start something."

Emory C. Burke, president of the Columbians, and Loomis took turns in assailing (1) Communists, (2) Negroes, (3) Atlanta's newspapers, and (4) Jews.

The 17-year-old Childers was presented to the audience in the role of a hero, and President Burke pinned on him a "medal of honor in recognition of his action as a true-hearted American and a true-hearted member of the white race.

Secretary Loomis flatly denied that the Columbians were involved in the bombing of a Negro house on Ashby Street early Thursday.

Police investigating the Thursday bombing of a Negro house at 333 Ashby Street had a new incident on their list Friday in the stoning of another at 704 Ashby. Official reports said the house, occupied by George Collier, was the target of rocks thrown during the night by unidentified persons.

In explaining the organization's antagonism toward the Jews, Loomis said: "Our movement is not based on hate; it is based on logic. The Jews have never taken the trouble to become American citizens in the sense that other people from western Europe have. They think only of preserving the Jewish traditions, the Jewish way of life, and worst of all, the Jewish bloodlines."

Police Failure Charged

Loomis said Atlanta police were "unable to cope with the situation" because "their time is taken up by Negro disturbances all over Atlanta," and that the organization was receiving many calls from white citizens for help.

President Burke opened the meeting with a brief review of the Columbians' history and promised that the organization "will some day have a daily newspaper in Atlanta to combat the unfavorable publicity it has received from the city's papers."

To reporters he said: "Take back this message to that fat slob who sits at his desk: 'We are going to win.'"

Although Burke did not mention the Jewish race in his diatribe, he scored again and again the encroachment of alien elements "on our fair Southland."

"The fight has begun," he declared, "and we are going to make it hotter and hotter until you go back to the Bronx, where you came from, and I say one day we are going to march into the Bronx."

Superintendent Hilderbrand charges the Atlanta organization is one of four powerful Columbian movements in the nation, all of them linked together under a common banner. The others, he said, are in New York, Gary, Ind., and Philadelphia.

Indictments Sought Against 4 As Jury Probes Columbians

The Courier-Journal
Louisville, Ky. Sat. 11-16-46

Atlanta, Nov. 15 (AP)—Brown-shirted members of the anti-Negro, anti-Jewish Columbians, Inc., were interrogated today by a Fulton County (Atlanta) grand jury, and Solicitor General E. E. Andrews said criminal indictments were being sought against at least four members of the order.

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'Columbian' Group Indicted In Atlanta

The Advertiser
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Brown-Shirted Organizer Seeks Legal Aid

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ATLANTA, Nov. 18. — (AP) — Three brown-shirted Columbians —two self-styled leaders of the anti-Semitic, anti-Negro group indictments accuse Chil- armed with deadly weapons un- and a swaggering youth with a charged with riot, gal aid. The indictmen brawl—were indicted today by a misdemeanor counts involving e occasions patrolled and undertaken in "arresting" and members of the organization be- Fulton County (Atlanta) Grand Loomis and Burke, and at $1,000 ing on five oc- Jury. for a single count against Chil- city streets and Warrants were issued immedi- ders. lice functions in ately for Homer L. Loomis, Jr., Loomis was reported absent secretary and organizer of the from Atlanta, and unofficial questioning of P avowed "hate" order; Emory sources said they understood he disturbing the p Burke, president — both accused was in Tulsa, Okla., soliciting le- On one of the of usurping police functions; and

VM New York, N.Y. Sun. 11-17-46

Did the Columbians "bomb" their own meeting? Atlanta, Ga., authorities hinted at such a self-imposed bid for sympathy in the disruption by tear-gas bombs of a meeting there Thursday evening of the anti-Negro, anti-Jewish group. The tear gas interrupted a tirade by Emory Burke, president. That's Burke, center, above, his face and hand tense. Note painted-out windows. "They'll never crush us," said Burke, talking of the "Communists" he blamed for the bomb-flinging. While a Fulton County grand jury was grilling Columbians in secret, Burke got a 10-day stay of State action to revoke his outfit's charter. Earlier the Columbians said they didn't mind their charter being revoked, wouldn't fight the order.

Associated Press Wirephoto

Daily World Atlanta, Ga. Fri. 11-8-46

THE COLUMBIANS LOSE ROUND ONE —This photo was snapped at a tense moment in Recorder's Court, Tuesday afternoon, as Judge A. W. Callaway had just over ruled a motion by defense counsel to postpone the trial for a period of two weeks. Principals in the trial (left to right) Attorney R. A. Whitlett, who conducted the prosecution; Attorney A. T. Walden representing the NAACP; Clifford Hines, who was brutally attacked by a group of white boys; Attorney J. E. B. Stewart, counsel for the defendant; James R. Childers, the defendant, attired in an Army officer's shirt, with the insignia of the Columbians on his arm. He is also wearing the medal which according to reports was awarded to him for beating up Hines. Homer L. Loomis, Jr., secretary of the Columbians, Inc., is shown at the extreme right. Childers was bound over under $500 bond.

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Rapists And Wife Deserters

Sun. 11-10-46

Wife and child deserter, Homer Loomis, whose first wife also reported him to be very queer indeed, and hurriedly left him therefor; is the leader of the exhibitionist punks who seem to make up the visible body of the order called "The Columbians."

He now has been joined by brother James Coursey, who also wants to save the country.

It seems that brother Coursey will have to wait a while. The unfeeling law officers of Carroll County have been looking for him on a charge of criminal assault. He is wanted to answer for charges of assaulting a 19-year-old girl in the county, deserting his wife after beating her good and soundly, presumably just to show what sort of a world leader he is. They will try him on that before they let him become our Fuehrer.

The police report that among those hanging out at the Columbian headquarters are a number of little semi-pro street tarts, and, if so, that is not at all surprising, but quite in keeping.

The Hitler crowd included a lot of queers and perverts, and practically all the gallant and pure leaders of that order had mistresses in every town. Hitler had a number, his favorite being Eva Braun, the cow-faced tart who presumably joined him in suicide. The misguided, sincere ones were just the dupes who cheered and went to meetings.

Nazis are all alike, whether they are in Germany or parading in Mussolini's Black Shirts. The Nazi-type mind is cracked and lends itself to all sorts of abberations, including sex abberations.

So, to find wife deserters, a rapist and wife beaters as leaders of this noble order is quite what one might expect. Without exception, all who have come to public eye are failures who have never managed to hold a job, but who blame someone else for their own laziness and their own failures. So they make a trade of hating and getting suckers to pay them $3 each just to help them hate.

You will find many types of mentality, but you never find this type but that it doesn't run to pattern.

Homer You take Homer, now. Homer is a card. All the poor, worried people who understandably don't like their neighborhood to be invaded by Negro families, a subject we will go into at some length in a moment, are paying Homer $3 to save them and the world.

They might like to know about Homer.

Homer Loomis, 32, once lived on Park Avenue, New York. Back in 1935, or thereabouts, he eloped with a good, decent girl.

She stayed one day. She said Homer was a queer fellow. On the honeymoon night he turned out all the lights but one and made her read aloud a horror story out of a murder mystery. There were other things, too, we don't print. They are not nice.

She got the marriage annulled because of Homer being that sort of boy.

Homer married again that year—again a decent girl. He was around long enough to have two children. But he deserted them and his wife and came to the South and started trimming suckers at $3 a pitch. Nice boy, Homer.

He isn't sending any money home, either. He was in service for a while, but he didn't bleed or die any. He is drawing that $20 a week "rocking chair" money, though. You can count on Homer.

Once in 1936 Homer and some of his kind got attention in New York by going to two night clubs, the Club Bali and the Stork, in their pajamas.

Wasn't that cute?

You can count on Homer, though. He is going to save us from the Negroes and the Jews. Good old Homer. We need his sort of character and integrity to lead us to a good and cleaner life.

Housing There is a great shortage of housing. I suppose it is very bad of Negroes that they don't dig holes in hillsides and live in them. But, for some reason, they like to have a roof, even if it is leaking and the house is poor.

It is foolish to think they deliberately try to move into a white neighborhood.

If those involved would think just twice they would see that the white real estate owner or dealer who sells the house is the one who arranges the whole transaction. For them, one may assume, it is just a sale or a rental deal. But certainly no Negro has planned it or is to blame for it, as anyone must see, if blame there is. It would seem that those perturbed by it would direct their efforts at those responsible and not pay a lot of persons like Homer, who has run off from his wife and kids, to hate for them. That $3 won't buy as much as it did, but what it will buy will last a lot longer than Homer—whose wife and children can starve for all he cares. That's all Homer cares about his $3 suckers—if they fail to pay off.

Anyhow, aren't Homer and James just grand?

And don't you just hope James comes clear on that assault and wife-beating charge?

We need those good clean feuhrers to save us.

COLUMBIAN HELD FOR JURY—J. Ralph Childers, 17, member of Columbians, Inc., anti-Negro organization, holds hands with Betty Penland, Columbian headquarters worker, in Recorder's Court at Atlanta, Ga., during his hearing on a charge of beating a Negro. He was bound over to the Grand Jury. He wears a "medal of honor" given him by Columbians. (Associated Press photo.)

Fascist Violence On The March In Georgia

By JOHN F. LeFLORE
(Defender Staff Correspondent)

ATLANTA — A full-fledged fascist plot, outstripping the rising tide of reaction throughout the country in its attempt to take over the government from the village to the capitol, and in its design to deport Negroes and Jews was violently unfurled here last week by a khaki shirted legion incorporated as the "Columbians."

Five members of the hoodlum gang were arrested up to Saturday as a result of flagrant outrages against Negroes. First arrested was the leader of a mob who blackjacked a lone Negro, Monday night. He was charged with disorderly conduct. Four others were arrested Saturday for trying to prevent a Negro family from moving into a mixed area of poor whites and Negroes. They were held under $5,000 bond each on charges of disorderly conduct, and inciting to riot.

Challenge Law

The fascist legion challenging law and order in a fashion avoided by even the Klan here, is believed to be composed of Ku Klux Klan castoffs and the dregs of white supremacists. Atlanta police, often suspected of condoning Klan anti-Negro crusades, have been forced to take action against the new hate gang because of its open defiance of all authority.

Africa has been designated for Negro deportation and the Mediterranean area for Jews.

In an apparent all-out war against decency, the vicious mobsters chalked up an appalling score in the past week. Monday they blackjacked and robbed a Negro walking home from work. Wednesday night they launched an attack on a group of Jewish vets who were observing a meeting of the fascist order. Thursday night they were accused of bombing the home of Goldsmith Sibley in a mixed neighborhood, and stoning another.

Composed of young whites, many of them teen-age, the organization smacks of the Hitler youth movement. Arrested for the blackjack assault on Clifford Hines, Monday, was 17-year-old James R. Childers. Other mobsters on the scene, equally youthful, were not arrested. At the savage ritual Wednesday, 250 members of the order chanted praises for Childers' act, while a leader pinned a hero's medal on his chest.

Feuhrer-president Emory C. Burke, and venomous secretary Homer L. Loomis alternated in tirades against Negroes, Jews, Communists, and Atlanta daily papers. A group of Jewish veterans in the audience was openly insulted. When a young ex-G.I. asked Loomis for proof, "Columbian" strong arm men surged forward to attack. They were held back by Atlanta detectives who were also present. Police arrested four of the group and disbanded the hate rally.

Loomis Arrested

Loomis was among those arrested. He and the others were charged with an attack against a Negro home. Loomis, James Akins, 18, and Jack Price, 26, gave their addresses as 82 Bartow st., headquarters of the infamous order. The fourth man, R. L. Whitman, 33, gave his as 541 Windsor.

Observers at the disturbance say Loomis cunningly maneuvered several hundred Negro and white onlookers to opposite sides of the street and was inciting a riot when police arrived. Police admit that anything might have happened. Previously Frank James had been assured there would be no trouble if he bought the house.

Excuse given for the khaki shirted terrorists is that whites request their aid because police are too busy to cope with "Negro lawlessness." Probes have already been begun, seeking to link the "Columbians" with other acts of violence. A group of Negro citizens met with the mayor and other city officials last week, asking protection from the brutal attacks.

Moving Spirit

Moving diseased spirit of the organization is Loomis, a native Virginian who claims he learned to hate Negroes and Jews in New York. He is said to be the disowned "black sheep" of a well-to-do family.

Loomis directs the organization's activity and its program. In a recent interview he said the group is political in nature, and that it will eventually take over the government. This will be done first by neighborhood, then by city and state, and finally the big stake, the Federal government, the would-be fuehrer disclosed.

The badge of terror is red lightning flash on a cicular pad worn on the organization's khaki shirts. The emblem appears on posters that have recently been placed throughout communities where Negroes are migrating. The signs read "white community." The group claims it guards white property, and arrests and holds loitering Negroes "for the police."

Militant Georgia Atty. Gen. Dan Duke termed the order an offshoot of the Klan and said police laxity toward the Ku Kluxers encouraged its growth. Monday, Police Chief M. A. Hornsby said his office would give the city attorney a complete file on "Columbian" activities. Meanwhile, the FBI was reported probing the "Columbian" plan to take over the government.

Anti-Negro Group Seeks To Oust Jewish Vets

Atlanta, Nov. 1 (AP)—Cries of "Throw them out," directed at Jewish war veterans, punctuated a meeting of Columbians, Inc., where leaders pledged a patrol of Atlanta streets "to protect white Anglo-Saxons from the Negroes."

The Columbians, recently chartered to work for a "progressive white community," directed much of their verbal attack at the Jew-advanced toward Jews in the audience, but four police detectives assigned to the meeting, stepped between the groups.

Jewish Veteran Objects.

President Emory C. Burke and Secretary Homer L. Loomis, Jr., earlier pinned a "medal of honor" on 17-year-old James R. Childers, making one of the principal addresses, declared: "I hate the Jew" because "they have never become part of the American way of life."

"Throw them out" and some Columbians after Loomis' address and asserted: "Half you have been saying is lies."

There were shouts of "Throw them out" and some Columbians advanced toward Jews in the audience, but four police detectives assigned to the meeting, stepped between the groups.

An unidentified war veteran, one of the estimated 250 Jews attending to protect the Negro from the meeting, jumped to his feet

Columbians, Inc. Aim: 'A One-Race Nation'

By EDWARD L. BRIDGES
United Press Correspondent.

ATLANTA, Nov. 5.—Homer L. Loomis, Jr., 32, organizer of an anti-Negro, anti-Jewish organization resembling the Ku Klux Klan and called the Columbians, Inc., boldly proclaimed his objectives yesterday. They are:

¶ To control the U. S. A. by making Columbians politically dominant in all 48 states.

¶ To make the U. S. A. into an "American nationalist state."

¶ Deport all Negroes to Africa.

¶ Make America "a one-race nation."

The Columbians are the subject of much local attention because of their efforts to stir race troubles here. Loomis, who is a war veteran, and three other Columbians were arrested Saturday on charges of inciting to riot. The state was studying means of revoking the charter which a county court granted last August. A 17-year-old Columbian was awaiting trial on a charge of blackjacking a Negro.

But despite mounting criticism and hostility toward his order from Georgia newspapers and whites, Loomis made no bones of his views and objectives at the three small rooms in an old brick building near the YMCA where the organization has its headquarters. He said that telephone calls from persons sympathetic with his aims kept him so busy he couldn't talk there, and invited me to a lunch room.

"My sense of social justice forced me to start this group," he said. "I had to leave New York City to discover America, to get close to the people. I plan a small, solid society I can control. This police trouble now is purging out the weaklings."

Newspaper editorials have accused him of condoning violence and of aspiring to a Hitler-like domination of a Nazi-like state.

"Yes, I aspire to control the country, but only by electing to office Columbians one of these days," he said.

"We have absolutely no connection with the Klan. We do not permit secrecy and we will not hood ourselves. Our membership list is open to the public."

He said Columbians totaled 5400 in Atlanta.

H. G. Willingham announced in Columbia, S. C., that the South Carolina chapter had 53 members in various parts of the state.

The Columbians wear khaki shirts bearing a red lightning flash insignia inside a circle. It was designed by the Columbian president, Emory Burke, a railroad draughtsman.

Loomis said he planned big night meetings where dynamic speakers will arouse the people to "the fever pitch" of shouting the password, "Hail Columbia." He added: "No world domination.

Loomis said he cut himself off from his father, a New York attorney, and his wife and two children "We'll have no mate Eugene Talmadge.

Loomis took me back to headquarters. He pointed at an automobile and growled:

"Look at those damned Jews greedy, grasping, smug. Hitlerfound with him in a southwest Atreally stole his idea from them—lanta section warning a Negro not

Columbians, Inc. (Georgia)

Two-Way Drive Launched To Halt Columbian Rise

The Constitution Atlanta, Ga. Wed. 11-6-46

By KEELER McCARTNEY

As Atlanta police prepared to begin criminal prosecution of the Columbians yesterday, the State of Georgia carried through its announced intention of filing suit in Fulton Superior Court seeking to void the Columbian charter.

The action by the State was in the form of quo warranto proceedings filed by Assistant Atty. Gen. Dan Duke, calling upon the Columbians to show cause why their charter should not be revoked.

Fulton Superior Court Judge Edgar E. Pomeroy accepted the suit and fixed Friday, Nov. 15, as the date when the defendants either must answer the charges or face judgment by default.

Meantime, Police Chief Hornsby indicated he is prepared to go ahead with the criminal prosecution of one of the five Columbians now under arrest in connection with racial disturbances over Atlanta.

James R. Childers, 17, a member of the Columbians, arrested last week in connection with an alleged attack on a Negro on Formwalt Street, was ordered held for State courts on charges of inciting to riot by Recorder A. W. Callaway, who also directed that the Negro arrested with Childers, giving his name as Walter Hines, be held under bond of $100 as a material witness.

Hines had alleged white men attacked him as he walked on Formwalt Street more than a week ago. Both Hines and Childers were taken into custody on technical charges of disorderly conduct and assault and battery.

Four other Columbians, including Secretary Homer L. Loomis, Jr., 32, are scheduled for trial before Judge Callaway at 2:30 p. m. Friday on charges of "disorderly conduct—inciting a riot." Bonds on Loomis and the others—R. L. Whitman, Jack Price and James Akins—were set at $5,000 each.

In the State suit against the Columbians, Duke charged that while the organization was chartered for "charity, benevolence and patriotic purposes . . .

"In truth it is a secret membership group constituting a secret political organization, having as its chief aim the repression of the exercises of political and legal rights of Negroes, Jews and other persons not of Anglo-Saxon extraction . . . the rights guaranteed by the Constitution and laws of the United States as well as the Constitution and the laws of Georgia.

". . . The defendant advocates that the Anglo-Saxon is the type man in history who is by nature supreme and who must be kept supreme, socially, politically, economically and otherwise.

". . . The defendants respect law only so far as it does not conflict with their stated ideology."

Duke named as president of the Columbians Emery C. Burke, 1486 Marbut Ave., S. E.; identified Loomis as secretary and said the treasurer was John H. Zimmerlee, student at Georgia Tech.

Duke also named W. H. Couch, J. R. Childers, Holt Gewinner and P. M. Adams as "agents and members who had acted in behalf of the Columbians." He identified Vester M. Owenby as "attorney and one of the principal speakers" for the Columbians.

His proceedings linked with the Columbians James L. Ship, "who also is a member of the Ku Klux Klan, the Commoner Party and the Gentile Army."

Immediately after the suit was filed, Duke called upon the Atlanta police to prosecute vigorously members of the organization "as the only positive means of stamping out Fascism and Communism."

"All the State can do is destroy the corporate entity which does not prohibit the Columbians from doing or saying what they wish or violating the rights of others," Duke said. "The collar is placed on local prosecutors and not upon the Attorney General's office, which does not even have the power to examine witnesses under oath."

Atty. Gen. Cook echoed Duke's statement that local authorities must take the lead if an effective fight is carried on against activities of the Columbians.

Challenge to America

Times-Dispatch

Editor of The Times-Dispatch:

The arrest of four "Columbians" by the Atlanta police the other day for their anti-Negro activities has doubtless gratified many Virginians who seek to bring about more justice and goodwill in our Southern race relations. It might be well to remember, though, that a proper response to that episode calls for more than mere gratification.

Richmond, Va.

Our chief response should be in the form of a deeper humility and a keener vigilance. The fact that Homer Loomis, the Columbians' budding "fuehrer," once lived in Virginia and moved to Georgia because it offered a "better field" for his activities, may tempt a good many of us Virginians to pride and smugness. "Thank God," we are apt to say, "that we are not like those Georgians" But any such mood will be not simply Pharisaic but dangerous.

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The Columbians, we need to remember, are at bottom a symptom of a national disease. They are not merely a running sore on the body of Georgia; they are also a flaming sign of the moral sickness that infects our entire body politic. The poison which corrupts and undermines their patriotism pollutes the air of every State in the union, Virginia not excepted.

Before we take undue pleasure, therefore, in the casting out of a mote in Georgia's eye (if indeed it has been cast out!), we would do well to give attention to the "beam in the eye" of our nation. That people like the Columbians exist and are growing more aggressive is a fact of far greater moment than the arrest of four of their leaders. Nor will our country ever be safe from their un-Christian and un-American agitation until the deeper springs of our social life—men's hearts and minds—are cleansed of race hatred and race prejudice.

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Because the klan spirit in whatever guise or disguise will always be a towering shame and menace to our democracy, the job before is not one for a few Georgia policemen but for all Americans who know what America means.

JOHN H. MARION, JR.
Director, Committee on Christian Relations, Presbyterian Church in the United States.

Youth Charged With Beating, Publicly Cited

Daily World Atlanta Ga. Tues. 11-5-46

Calloway To Hear Columbian Facts At 4:30 P.M. Today

James R. Childers, 17, of 82 Bartow St., N. E., and Clifford Hines, 21, of 230 Memorial Drive are to be arraigned before Recorder A.W. Calloway today at 4:30 p. m. to answer the charges of assault and battery in connection with the beating of the latter allegedly by the former Monday night, October 28 on Formwalt St.

Childers, a professed member of Columbians Inc., a hate organization which designates itself as an enemy to Negroes, and Jews, was released on a $500 bond and Hines was released on a $100 one.

Homer L. Loomis Jr., is reported to have told investigating officers that he had sent Childers on assignment to protect some white homes in that vicinity. At the Thursday night meeting of the organization Childers was allegedly awarded a medal for his work in beating Hines.

OTHER COLUMBIAN ACTIVITY

Since October 28 there have been other instances which are being investigated by the police to determine if there is a connection with the Columbians. One such is the throwing of an explosive on the porch of the home of Miss Minnie Sibley at 333 Ashby Street S. W. early Thursday morning, and too on real estate signs have been placed on certain property in the northwest section of the city bearing the insignia of the Columbians the lightning streak.In the windows of some homes there are banners bearing the insignia.

Four Columbians were jailed Saturday after a demonstration to prevent Negroes from moving into a recently purchased home on Garibaldi Street. Booked on charges of disorderly conduct and inciting a riot were Homer L. Loomis, Jr., 32, secretary of the Columbians, of 82 Bartow Street, NW, R. L. Whitman, 33, of 541 Windsor Street, SW James M. Akins, 18 of Bartow St., NW and Jack Price, 27 of 82 Bartow Street, NW.

Chief of Police A. M. Hornsby Superintendent of Detectives E. I. Hildebrand Assistant Chief Neal Ellis and Captain W. M. Weaver with reinforcements arrived on the scene and the 4 Columbians were arrested. Two members were in uniform and the 16 month old daughter of R. L. Whitman, Marian Whitman wore the arm band of the order.

Marian, according to women of B'nai B'rith, Jewish organization, and her mother have been regular patrons for more than a year at the baby clinic at Formwalt School.

Atlanta's Hate-Peddlers

Daily World Atlanta Ga. 11-5-46

It is not enough to revoke the license of such a crowd, as some are suggesting. Atlanta must go further, and insist, the action of Police Chief W. A. Hornsby, in ordering as Assistant Attorney Dan Duke has pointed out, on seeing that they are uprooted from our soil. The fact that they the arrest and jailing of four Columbian leaders here Sat- boast of plans to arm each of their members after January urday, may have been the final act, saving Atlanta from 1, is indicative of a symptom inherent within our society. the disgraceful results of a race riot, from which all up- Already they have been charged with beating a Negro. It standing and responsible citizens would have been the suf- will only be a matter of time, when they clash with the ferers, simply because of the rabid mouthings of a handful wrong Negro who will not be bullied and then possibly a riot of irresponsibles, who know nothing and care less, about will be touched off. That is why we must press for exter- mutual progress and interracial understanding. The marvel mination of such groups. But with equal vigor we must is that such pogroms have been permitted to run so long press for the extermination of the Ku Klux Klan. For the unchecked, in the capital city of Georgia, right under the Klan is really the seed-bed out of which such organizations eyes of our police force. and groups are hatched. They feel that they have as much

We think Mr. Hornsby gives an adequate description right to foment hate and friction as the Klan or any other of these Columbians, whom we are told are mostly mill- group.

workers, when he terms them "crackpots." It is difficult to see how anyone else would behave as these Columbians.They don't like the Negroes. They don't like the Jews. They are pledged to exterminate communism and they don't like the rich. In short, they are against everything, both American and foreign, save a 'poor white.'

Loomis Denies Expansion tonight emphatically denied that Columbians, Inc. (Georgia) there was any branch of his organization active in South Carolina—or anywhere except in the Columbians, anti-Atlanta. Loomis, Jr., founder and secretary of the anti-Jewish group here.

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(Nov. 6 (AP)—Homer L.
Loomis, Jr.,
Negro, anti-

Columbian Says His Goal Is Control of the Country

The Courier-Journal
Louisville, Ky. Tues. 11-5-46

By EDWARD L. BRIDGES.

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 4 (UP)—Homer L. Loomis, Jr., 32, organizer of an anti-Negro, anti-Jewish organization resembling the Ku Klux Klan and called The Columbians, Inc., proclaimed his objectives today.

They are: (1) To control the United States by making Columbians politically dominant in all 48 states; (2) To make the United States into an "American nationalist state"; (3) To deport all Negroes to Africa, and (4) To make America "a one-race nation."

Makes No Bones About It.

Loomis, a war veteran, and three other members were arrested Saturday on charges of inciting to riot. State authorities are studying means of revoking the charter which a George County court granted the organization last August, and a 17-year-old Columbian is awaiting trial on a charge of blackjacking a Negro into a state of hysteria.

Despite mounting criticism and hostility toward his order from Georgia newspapers and whites, Loomis made no bones about his views are objectives to me when I called at the three small rooms in an old brick building near the Y.M.C.A. where the organization has its headquarters.

'Discovered' America.

He claimed that telephone calls from persons sympathetic with his aims kept him so busy he couldn't talk there, and invited me to join him over a sandwich and coffee in a neighboring lunchroom.

"My sense of social justice forced me to start this group," he said in clipped phrases. "I had to leave New York City to discover America, to get close to the people. Everybody thinks they have to speak like an Englishman. I want a national state, but an American nationalist state."

"I plan a small, solid society I can control. This police trouble now is purging out the weaklings. It's good for us, and all this publicity, good or bad, is all to the good."

'Pro-American Only.'

Newspaper editorials have accused him of condoning violence and of aspiring to a Hitler-like domination of a Nazi-like state. He laughed, and brushed his jet-black, close-cropped hair with his hand.

"Yes, I aspire to control the country, but only by electing to office Columbians one of these days," he said. "I refused to join such movements before the war because they were pro-German or pro-Russian. My group is pro-American only."

He scoffed at editorials accusing him of condoning violence.

"Didn't you order a 'badge of honor' awarded to James Childers, accused of blackjacking a Negro?" I asked.

"Yes," he replied, "we did. But not for blackjacking the Negro. He's innocent. Somebody else did that and blamed it on us, just as many crimes are blamed on the Ku Klux Klan.

Denies Link With Klan.

"We have absolutely no connection with the Klan. We do not permit secrecy and we will not hood ourselves. Our membership list is open to the public."

He showed me a long list of names. He said all were Columbians and they totaled 5,400 in Atlanta.

(H. G. Willingham announced in Columbia, S. C., today that he had been appointed by Atlanta Columbians as temporary chairman of a South Carolina chapter. He said he had 53 members in various parts of the state.)

The Columbians wear khaki shirts. These bear a red lightning-flash insigne inside a circle. It was designed by the Columbians' president, Emory Burke, a railroad draughtsman.

Name Inspired By Song.

Loomis said the name was inspired by "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean." He said he planned big night meetings where dynamic speakers would arouse the people to the fever pitch of shouting the password, "Hail Columbia."

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He added, "Not Heil Hitler."

People love uniforms, he continued. They love pageantry. They love hypnotic speakers.

He himself was making every effort to be dynamic. His voice was vibrant, his gestures arresting.

Louisville Ky.

Loomis denied his organization had the support of Governor-nominate Eugene Talmadge, who won last July's primary on the "white-supremacy issue."

Gives Up His Family.

"I quit drinking and smoking. I gave up everything, even my wife and children, to prepare myself to save the world," Loomis said.

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He said he came to Atlanta from New York last January "without a nickel" and worked in a sandwich grill near Georgia Tech. Students remember him as "a hell of a worker who would stop in the middle of making a sandwich to shout, "Damn the Jews."

Loomis took me back to headquarters. He jabbed a finger toward an automobile and growled, "Look at those damned Jews, greeding, grasping, smug. Hitler really stole his idea from them—world domination."

At headquarters he introduced me to President Burke, a wafer-thin man of 35. He shook my hand fiercely, then plunged into an impromptu speech. The burden of it was that this nation should have only one race.

Wants 'Equality' for Negroes.

"Yes, he's right," Loomis interjected. "We say, give the Negro equality, but give it to him back in South Africa where they all should be sent to take that rich land away from the British."

Tomorrow Police Chief Marvin Hornsby will arraign Childers, the 17-year-old Columbian charged with blackjacking the Negro. Friday he will call Loomis into court, along with his three aides found with him in a southwest Atlanta section warning a Negro not to move into a house he had bought in a semiwhite section.

Loomis said he was seeking a lawyer.

"Several wanted the case badly," he said, "but they were weak. I want a fighter, not just somebody after a fat profit. And we'll have a crowd in court to match the crowd the Jews will have."

Atlanta Probes Anti-Negro Terrorism

The Courier-Journal
Louisville, Ky.

Atlanta, Oct. 30 (AP)—Mayor William Hartsfield today ordered an exhaustive investigation of all recent clashes between Negroes and whites after City detectives declared members of a group of whites have taken "it upon themselves to patrol streets, check up and watch Negroes in central sections."

The Mayor said there had been complaints of shots being fired and rocks thrown at Negroes' homes. He declared the City would "not countenance such terroristic actions directed at any group of people."

Tries to Hide Insignia.

Earlier, the reported blackjacking of a Negro who claimed he was "tending to his own business" brought an order from Police Chief M. A. Hornsby to determine if the assailants were members of a recently formed anti-Negro group.

Patrolmen said a man arrested in connection with the blackjacking ripped an insigne from his shoulder and attempted to hide it. They said it was similar to that worn by members of Columbians, Inc.

A charter for Columbians sets its aim as a "national moral reawakening in order to build a progressive white community."

Duke Assigned To Strip Columbians of Charter

The Constitution Atlanta, Ga.
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By KEELER McCARTNEY

Fiery Dan Duke, Assistant Attorney General who was assigned several months ago by Gov. Arnall to prepare evidence against the Ku Klux Klan, also will be given the task of securing revocation of the charter of Columbians, Inc., newly formed anti-Jewish and anti-Negro organization.

The case against the Columbians, charged by police with being involved in two racial disturbances here last week, was handed to Duke by the City Attorney's office.

J. M. B. Bloodworth, Assistant City Attorney, said yesterday only the State could secure revocation of the Columbian charter since the charter was granted through State courts and therefore the matter had been turned over to Attorney General Eugene Cook. Bloodworth said Duke would be assigned to the task, along with the Klan investigation.

Cook said he had received no official notice that the Columbian investigation had been turned over to his office. He pointed out such cases are assigned to the Attorney General by the Governor, and Gov. Arnall would be out of town until today.

Meanwhile, U. S. Atty. Gen. Clarke commended Atlanta law enforcement officers for their "vigor and dispatch" in handling recent disturbances involving the Columbians.

Clark's commendation was in the form of a telegram to Mayor Hartsfield which read:

"It is gratifying to note that your Atlanta law enforcement officers acted with vigor and dispatched in the recent arrest of an apparently lawless group of members of an organization calling itself Columbians, Inc., who allegedly interfered by terrorist methods with the rights of several Georgia residents.

"Such prompt action. I am sure, serves as a strong warning to all illegal bands which, under one guise or another, also aim to usurp the legal authority vested in the duly constituted State and local officers in the attempt to infringe upon the liberties of persons whom they dislike.

"Local responsibility in such matters, which I have publicly stressed from time to time, was readily exercised in your community and should receive the commendation of decent Americans everywhere."

Duke could not be reached yesterday afternoon for comment.

Police Chief M. A. Hornsby said he "understood" a petition seeking revocation of the Columbian charter would be filed immediately in Fulton Superior Court, where the charter was originally granted.

However, no such petition had been filed at a late hour yesterday.

Duke has created nationwide interest in his fight to have the Klan charter revoked. His case against the Klan is scheduled for trial this month before Fulton Superior Court Judge Frank Hooper.

Presumably Bloodworth also will turn over to Duke the confidential file which Atlanta police have prepared against the Columbians. Hornsby gave the file, including reports on open meetings as well as detailed accounts of the racial disturbances, to Bloodworth yesterday.

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Meantime, one of the four Columbians arrested Saturday in connection with a racial disturbance in South Atlanta remained in city jail, marked "hold for the Federal Bureau of Investigation" because he did not have a Selective Service registration card at the time of arrest. He is Jack Price, of 82 Bartow St., N. W.

The other three, Homer L. Loomis, Jr., Secretary and organizer of the Columbians; James Akins, of 82 Bartow St., and R. L. Whitman, of Windsor St., S. W. have been released under $5,000 bonds each on charges of "Disorderly Conduct—Inciting a Riot." They are scheduled for trial before Recorder A. W. Callaway at 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon.

James R. Childers, 17, another Columbian charged by police with assault and battery on a Negro man, will go to trial before Judge Callaway at 4:30 p. m. today.

Childrers is accused of having attacked a Negro man with a blackjack on Formwalt Street, S. W., near Memorial Drive. Hornsby ordered the arrest of the other four Saturday after a Negro man, complained they attempted to prevent him moving into a house he had purchased in a semi-white neighborhood on Garibaldi Street, S. W.

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Police Captain W. M. (Buck) Weaver said the Columbians met in a private residence on Formwalt Street Sunday afternoon, but dispersed immediately when police arrived to make a routine check.

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As the police and legal depart-
ments continued efforts to have
the Columbian charter revoked, J.
Alex Rozetta, Commander of the
Department of Georgia of the Dis-
abled American Veterans, issued
the following statement:

"I wish to commend all enforce-
ment officers for their vigilance in
seeking to outlaw the un-Ameri-
can 'Columbians, Inc.' I wish to
further commend the Atlanta

Columbian Head Linked With Bund

Daily World
Atlanta, Ga.

Emory C. Burke, president of the anti-Negro, anti-Jewish Columbians, Inc., Wednesday was identified as a former associate of the German Bund and international Fascist leaders.

The link came through a staff investigator into un-American activities for the Scripps-Howard newspapers, whose name was not revealed immediately.

"The principles, ideals and purposes of this un-American organization is not permitted to pursue its purposes.

"We have just ended a disastrous war, which was brought about by such an organization stamp out this unAmerican organization in Germany. It is important that we fight to have the peace, by once and for all, such an organization existed in Germany. Veterans and citizens of this community and of this nation.

"Such an organization is in conflict with the principles of true democracy, smacks of Nazism and is wholly un-American. Veterans and the citizenship should stand shoulder to shoulder, to see that this organization is not permitted to pursue its purposes.

Disabled American Veterans to go

Duke Floors Burke In Courtroom Battle

The Constitution Atlanta, Ga.
Sun. 11-24-46

By DUPONT WRIGHT

Columbian Pres. Emory Burke won a legal point in his figh to prevent revocation of his order's charter, but lost by a knockou a brief altercation with burly Asst. Atty. Gen. Dan Duke.

Duke yesterday dropped the uniformed leader of the Columbians with a blow which cut him above an eye and caused him to bleed freely just after Senior Judge Edgar E. Pomeroy, of Fulton Superior Court, extended a hearing set for Monday for five days until 9 a. m. Friday.

The elderly judge was leaving his office, where he had conferred with Duke, Burke and Burke's attorney. Phil W. Davis, of Tulsa, Okla., when the sparring began. Reporters saw the 120-pound Burke fall to the fall dazed and bleeding. He recovered quickly and, pointing a bony finger at Duke, shouted:

"You'll answer for this"

Judge Pomeroy, in stepping between the two, almost tripped over a chair. Duke, after offering to pay for a doctor for Burke, left the courthouse. Burke succeeded in stopping the flow of blood. Davis said they had no comment to make and left the courthouse.

Duke's version of the affray, which he said he deeply regretted, was that Burke made a remark he interpreted as meaning to imply he was not an Anglo-Saxon American.

Judge Pomeroy said he would consider whether to issue contempt orders because of the incident.

Burke and Duke almost came together a few minutes before when Judge Pomeroy left his office briefly. Burke leaped to his feet when Duke remarked to reporters that "the filth of the nation was coming here to make a spectacle of Georgia" and that he would expose some "big names" he said had been in Atlanta the last few days.

Judge Pomeroy's return halted this display. Fifteen minutes before Duke had been warned in the courtroom of Judge Bond Almand by Deputy Sheriff Joe Watkins when he termed a statement by Attorney Davis as "a bald-faced falsehood." Davis had said he talked with Duke Friday and was about to explain his position when Judge Almand interrupted to remark the motion would have to be heard by Judge Pomeroy.

The two lawyers and Burke then went to Judge Pomeroy's chambers.

Davis informed the judge he was a member of the bar of Georgia but not of the local bar, and that the Columbians wanted five to 10 days more to prepare to defend their charter.

Duke opposed the delay, saying he'd recently received by mail scraps of the charter which he said Burke had sent him.

"They have defied the judicial system of this State," he charged. "Their charter says the organizationis benevolent and charitable and yet there is not a nickel behind it to protect the people of this State. The filth of the nation is gathering here to make a spectacle of us."

Judge Pomeroy then announced he would grant the extension and started to leave his office when the affray began.

In a statement expressing regret for the incident, Duke said he had the highest regard for Judge Pomeroy and for a court of law, but he had taken so much personal abuse from Burke and the Columbians that he could not restrain himself "when Burke began his tirade about the Anglo-Saxon race with reference made to me."

Duke said the Columbians had been conducting a campaign against him for some time, making "numerous false statements."

Official Floors Impudent Head Of Columbians

The Advertiser Montgomery, Ala.
Sun. 11-24-46

Georgia Klan Prosecutor Resents Emory Burke's 'Abuse And Falsehood'

By JOHN HURT

ATLANTA, Nov. 23.—(AP)—The president of the anti-Jewish, anti-Negro Columbians was knocked to the floor today in a judge's chamber by a husky assistant attorney general in the climax of an argument over the organization's charter.

"Dad blame it, I've taken all I can from you," yelled Dan Duke as he struck Emory C. Burke with his fist, opening an inch-long gash over his left eye.

Staggers To Feet

His face covered with blood, Burke staggered to his feet to shout back that "you'll answer for this."

Duke said he swung after a "tirade" in which Burke implied he was not a "white Anglo-Saxon public official."

The flareup climaxed a session in the chambers of Superior Judge E. E. Pomeroy in which the organization won a six-day postponement of the State suit to revoke its charter. Duke has been representing the State in this suit as he has in similar action against the Ku Klux Klan.

Duke left the judicial chambers at the suggestion of Judge Pomeroy who said: "I'll handle this." Duke asked the judge to call a doctor and said he would pay Burke's medical expenses.

The judge first told newsmen he "was considering" action against both Duke and Burke but later said he would "take no cognizance" of it, explaining his "back was turned" and he "didn't see any of it."

Earlier, during a heated argument over the suit, Duke called Phil W. Davis, Columbian attorney, a "bald-faced liar."

"I am sorry that I was unable to control myself," Duke said in a statement dictated to newsmen from his office.

Apologizes To Newsmen

"I have the utmost respect for Judge Pomeroy and am doubly sorry that this took place in his presence but when Burke started a tirade in my presence that there was one white Anglo-Saxon public official who would do his duty, and in view of the fact that the Columbians and other subversive groups have been abusing me, telling falsehoods on me, I couldn't restrain myself."

He added that "they have told that I and other Georgia citizens are part-Negroid which is a bald-faced falsehood" but there was no way to collect from them for libel.

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Burke countered with a statement that "it is regrettable that the enemies of white supremacy have become so desperate and wanton in their attacks upon those of us who are trying to preserve the integrity of the white race until we are not safe from violence and unprovoked attack even in the august chambers and presence of a dignified and learned Superior Court judge."

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He added that "this cowardly assault" is "proof that our opponents can sense that their attempts to cram without notice un-American and anti-Southern idealogies down our throats is faltering."

Montgomery, Ala.

Burke said he would "of course prosecute my assailant to the fullest extent of the law."

Three On Georgia Jury

Savannah, Georgia Sun 11-24-46

BRUNSWICK, Ga. — (ANP) — As the result of the liberal attitude since recent elections in which several thousand Negroes participated here, three Negroes have been appointed to the Glenn County Grand Jury. They are S. G. Dent, W. J. Oxford, and Mose Mollet.

Sat. 9-28-46

Neurotic White Organizer Hate Group To 'Save World'

The Call Kansas City, Mo. Fri. 11-15-46

ATLANTA.—(ANP) — A neurotic, 32-year-old former New York playboy, apparently has been reading the life and times of an Austrian ex-paper-hanger in an effort to discover his weaknesses and strengthen them. Homer L. Loomis Jr., a Princeton graduate, declares that he wants to deport all Negroes back to Africa as a first step in making America a "one-race nation," after which he has visions of an "American nationalist state" dominated by Columbians Inc., a hate-mongering group with headquarters here. The name, according to Loomis, was suggested by the well-known song "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean."

Aims of Organization

Included among the aims of the organization are these objectives: (1) to control the United States by making Columbians politically dominant in all 48 states; (2) to make the United States into an American "nationalist state;" (3) deport all Negroes to Africa; and (4) to make America a "one-race nation."

Loomis, a veteran of World War II, and his organization have been the subject of much interest here because of their efforts to stir up race riots. Last Saturday he was arrested and released on $5,000 bail on charges of warning a Negro not to move into a house that he had bought in a semi-white neighborhood. The organization now claims a membership of 5,400 in Atlanta alone.

In spite of accusations, Loomis insists that the Columbians do not advocate violence and have no connection with the Ku Klux Klan. In answer to a question "Didn't you order a 'badge of honor' awarded to James Childers, accused of blackjacking a Negro?" he replied, "Yes, we did. But not for blackjacking the Negro. He's innocent. Somebody else did that and blamed it on us, just as many crimes are blamed on the Ku Klux Klan." Disavowing connection with the klan, Loomis pointed out that "We do not permit secrecy and we will not hood ourselves. Our membership list is open to the public."

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Don't Mind Publicity

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The Columbians wear khaki shirts bearing a red lightning flash inside a circle on the upper sleeve. Their program calls for night mass meetings where "dynamic speakers" can whip the people into a fever pitch by shouting the password, "Hail Columbia!"

"People love uniforms," stated Loomis. "They love pagentry. They love hypnotic speakers." Included in his collection of books are "The Fear Makers," and "Heavenly Discourse." Loomis himself tries to be masterful with vibrant voice and arresting gestures.

The personal life of Loomis has been a stormy one. Back in 1935, he eloped with a California beauty who quickly had the marriage annulled because of one of his "practical jokes" on their one-day honeymoon. Turning out all the lights but one, he made his wife read aloud a horror story in which the lunatic tried to murder his wife, with the result that she went mad. The fictitious character later died.

Two years later, Loomis and four of his buddies donned pajamas and staged a three-day sit-down strike in the Club Bali, including the Sunday night shows, for taller glasses of beer. Later on, he was barred from the Stork Club. At the present time, he has deserted his wife and two children.

Atlanta Hate Group Faces Court

PM New York, N.Y.

ATLANTA, Nov. 4—Police Chief M. A. Hornsby will confer with the City Attorney's office today to lay plans for obtaining a revocation of the charter recently granted the Columbians, Inc., an admittedly anti-Jewish and anti-Negro organization.

Hornsby told newsmen he would use every available means to fight the organization, which he considers "a menace to the peace, riot, security and good-will of our community."

Meanwhile, four defiant members of the Columbians, arrested Saturday when they allegedly attempted to prevent a Negro family from moving into a house on the south-west side of town, will go on trial

Included is Homer L. Loomis, 32, secretary of the group and de-

Loomis, who habitually wears Loomis served overseas in World Army private. He told Burke is considered the Columhatred of Negroes and bians' "spark plug." He claims him to come South Montgomery, Ala., as his home, but organization to fight speaks with snatches of a New England or Oxford accent. He thus far has taken no part in direct actions by the Columbians "to prevent a Negro family from to hate Negroes and Jews in New flash, on his left shoulder, and vent the Negroes from taking over York," was described by police as Emory C. Burke, a railroad em- Atlanta."

Jack Price, 27, being held for Federal investigation since he could not produce a selective service card; James M. Akins, 18; R. L. Whitman, 33, and Loomis, will go on trial Friday.

Another admitted Columbian, James R. Childers, 17, is booked for trial tomorrow on assault and battery charges coming out of an attack on a Negro man, Oct. 28.

Asks Georgia Courts to Stamp Out 'Columbians'

Daily Worker New York, N.Y.

ATLANTA, Nov. 5 (UP).—Georgia Atty. Gen. Eugene Cook today asked the civil courts to revoke the charter of the Columbians, a mushrooming new organization fighting Negroes and Jews.

At the same time, Cook urged the city of Atlanta to stamp out the new order through swift criminal prosecution.

As the attorney general's suit was filed in Fulton County Superior Court where the organization was granted a charter last August, 32-year-old Harry Loomis, chief of the Columbians, went to police court in the interest of one of his members.

James Childers, 17, was booked for trial on a charge of blackjacking a Negro last week. Lomis and three other aides will be tried Friday on charges of "inciting to riot." The case grew out of their warning a Negro against moving into a mixed white and Negro residential district.

CHARGE EVASION

The state attorney-general accused Atlanta officials of "passing the buck" to him and urged them to act independently on the case through the criminal courts.

"The impending evil of this organization," Cook said, "cannot be stopped in due time by a long, drawn-out civil suit in the court where it received its charter."

BOOMERANG PUBLICITY

The Advertiser Montgomery, Ala.

Widespread publicity given to Columbians, Inc., by Atlanta papers has produced unexpected results. Rather than the atrophy which was expected and desired from exposure to the strong light of publicity, the newest and craziest of the hate-inciting orders appears to thrive on notoriety.

Instead of audiences composed of a dozen screwballs, as reported a few days back, Columbians now are able to draw crowds of up to 500 or more, and not all these are from the outer fringes of lunacy as were the former audiences. A recent rally of the Columbians was dispersed by the explosion of a tear gas bomb tossed into the hall where a meeting was being held. A moment after the explosion 500 people fought their way to fresh air outside. Mon. 11-18-46

Not all of the people attending the hate rally were members of the order. Obviously some were there out of mere curiosity. But it is ugly to speculate upon the number who went because consciously or unconsciously they were in sympathy with the ideals of the ranting president of Columbians. According to the news story of the bombing, several city detectives were in the audience, as were "about 50 representatives of veterans groups." Also present were several church and civic leaders bent upon embarrassing the haranguing president at the conclusion of his speech.

But the ominous part of the story is the fact that a "large number of women and young children" were attending the routed meeting. How many others not actually members of the order were there out of sympathy it is impossible to tell. But one cannot escape the conclusion that many were in attendance for more than idle curiosity.

Much as one might wish mentally to applaud the action of the unknown pitcher who emptied the hall with his well-aimed gas bomb, the act must be condemned. The right of the people "peaceably to assemble" is guaranteed in the Bill of Rights. Since "several city detectives" were in the assembly, they had it in their discretion at any moment to determine when the gathering had become no longer "peaceable."

Publicity for such groups should be used with discretion and restraint. Too much of the stuff has made a notable out of many a mountebank.

OPPORTUNITY FOR MR. TALMADGE

The Advertisir Montgomery, Ala.

City authorities in Atlanta have unearthed a new hate-peddling organization surpassing in aims anything ever attempted by the notorious Klan. The very violence of the declared intentions of the leaders of the new organization is causing anxiety, not only in Atlanta but also in other sections of the South where the seeds of prejudice and hatred could find fertile soil. Already the State of Georgia has instituted proceedings to void the charter of Columbians, Inc., the newest organization to curse the South with its poison virus, and civic groups are joining in the effort to crush the Nazi-like organization.

Published pictures of four leaders of Columbians, Inc., arrested in Atlanta for their bold hate-mongering showed them all to be young men. They were dressed in a semi-military garb bearing some sort of distinguishing insignia on the left shoulder. At liberty under a stiff bond, the leader of the movement took advantage of the publicity afforded him by his arrest to expand upon the principles and purposes of his gang. Those principles are to promote the most violent kind of propaganda against Jews and Negroes, and the purposes are to achieve political control, first of the city of Atlanta, then of the state of Georgia. After Georgia, Columbians, Inc., plans to extend control to the whole South and then over the nation. Thurs. 11-7-46

No one in his right senses would have believed that sane men could have set for themselves such a sinister ambition. Perhaps the young men are mentally unbalanced, but their fervor, the semi-military trappings, and the pseudo-religious atmosphere of their meetings indicate a conscious effort to use all the old Hitler trappings.

It is good that the forces of decency are moving so swiftly in the city of Atlanta and the State of Georgia to crush this thing. Such action may temporarily halt the infection of the social and political life of Alabama's sister State, but it cannot guarantee longtime immunity. Until that immunity is achieved in Georgia and the entire South, we must be constantly on the alert.

But for the moment Eugene Talmadge, Georgia's newly elected Governor, can do more than any other single force in his state to subdue the monster which his own genius has set in motion in Atlanta. He need only speak out in condemnation of the principles avowed by Columbians, Incorporated, to blast them from the State.

The State Can't Do It Alone

Despite the cheap theatrics in which the Columbians engaged in tearing their charter to bits for a photographer's benefit, the State is continuing with plans officially to revoke the document. 11-13-46

That is as it should be. The charter should not have been issued in the first place. Constitution Wed.

But it must be kept in mind that taking away the charter will serve nothing except to remove the stamp of official sanction.

It might be well for these hoodlums, and others whose good sense is not functioning, to recall the words of the Nazi leader, Robert Ley, who committed suicide in the Nuernberg prison. In a note left in his cell he said: Atlanta, Ga.

"I am torturing myself to find the reason for our downfall and this is the result of my contemplations . . . we have forsaken God, and therefore we were forsaken by God . . . in anti-Semitism we violated a basic commandment of His creation . . . anti-Semitism distorted our outlook, and we made errors which destroyed us."

The State can remove the charter.

It is up to the people of Atlanta, Georgia and the nation to rebuke all such who come preaching hate and who seek to replace law and order with their own warped ideas.

Description of Childers' Charges Is Corrected

The Constitution Atlanta, Ga. Thurs. 11-28-46

On Nov. 19, in this paper there appeared a news article headed as follows:

"2 COLUMBIANS INDICTED AS STUDENT IS ASSAILED"

In the body of the article were contained the following sentences:

"James R. Childers, 18, Columbian who was awarded a medal by the organization after he was arrested on a charge of inciting a riot resulting from an alleged attack by Columbians on a Negro, was indicted for riot. Conviction would mean one to five years in prison."

The above article was incorrect, and is hereby corrected and retracted.

The true facts are as follows:

On Nov. 5, 1946, Ralph Childers was arraigned before Judge A. W. Callaway in Atlanta Recorder's Court, on a charge of assault and battery. He pleaded not guilty to said charge. Upon completion of the hearing, Judge Callaway found him not guilty of assault and battery, but bound him over on a charge of Inciting to Riot, an entirely different charge. The Judge stated at the time that he was not passing on the guilt or innocence of Childers, but felt the entire matter needed to be investigated by the Grand Jury. Childers was not awarded a medal by the organization (the Columbians) after he was arrested. Childers was not arrested on a charge of Inciting a Riot. He was arrested on a charge of assault and battery. He pleaded not guilty of this offense and was fined not to exceed $1,000.00 and sentenced to the chain gang, not to exceed five years in prison, viz., a fine not to exceed $1,000.00 the chain gang, not to exceed imprisonment not to exceed sixtwelve months, any one or more of which he was in the chain gang, or on the public roads, or on such part of these punishments in the discretion of the Judge.

In the manner set forth above, carries a misdemeanor, which other public works as the County dicted is a different punishment, or State authorities may employ

Charge Columbians' Bombing Plot

Daily Worker New York, N.Y. Sat. 12-14-46

ATLANTA, Dec. 13.—A state grand jury heard testimony today that the Columbians, Inc., had plotted to bomb the Atlanta City Hall, Municipal Auditorium and city jail and indicted two of the organization's leaders for illegal possession of dynamite. Homer L. Loomis, Jr., founder of the Columbians, and president Emory Burke were indicted by the jury, which will continue its investigations on Monday and may take further action. In addition to the dynamite charges, they were indicted for riot.

Both charges are misdemeanors and would send the Columbian leaders to jail for a year if they were convicted.

Ira Jett, a hitherto unnamed Columbian, was also indicted for possession of blasting materials after a well-armed well digger, Jeff Johnson, testified he sold Jeff a quantity of dynamite.

As he came out of the grand jury room after the day's session, Fulton County Solicitor General E. E. Andrews told newsmen witnesses had given the jury details of the alleged attempts by Columbians to blow up the auditorium and other municipal buildings in Atlanta.

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DYNAMITE: Munitions to blast the homes of Negroes and Jews and to conquer America are examined by Atty. Gen. Eugene Cook of Georgia (left) and his assistant, Dan Cook. Ex-Columbians Lanier Waller (second from right) and Ralph Childers (right) confessed to the Nazi plot and revealed the dynamite store and the existence of large stores of weapons. 12-14-46

Tells How Columbian Got 'Shiner'

PM By United Press

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 7.—Assistant Attorney General Dan Duke has waived commitment hearing on charges of assaulting Emory Burke, president of the Columbians, Inc., and the case was slated to go to jury trial at an indefinite date. New York, N.Y.

Duke told Judge Luke Arnold that when he floored Burke after a previous court session, "I did what any red-blooded American would do." Assigned to a state suit to revoke the Columbian charter, Duke said previously Burke had provoked him to the assault "by insinuating that I was not a pure white anglo-saxon." Sun. 12-8-46

Ex-Wife Scores Columbian

The Courier Ga Pittsburgh, Pa.

BRADENTON BEACH, Fla. — Mrs. Mary-Ellen Loomis ex-wife of Homer L. Loomis Jr., organizer of Atlanta's Columbians, Inc., gave Ralph Childers, former member of the Columbians, under indictment on the same allegation, who has bolted the organization and is said to be assisting authorities in their investigation of the brown-shirted order.

Burke and Loomis previously had been indicted on charges of usurping police authority.

Meanwhile, Chief Judge Quincy Arnold of Fulton civil court denied a request for a warrant against Police Chief M. A. Hornsby accusing the chief of ordering the false imprisonment of Loomis. An attorney sought the warrant as an outgrowth of Loomis' arrest Nov. 2 in connection with a disturbance involving the alleged picketing of a Negro family. The Negroes were said to have been moving into a home in a former exclusively white area.

Mrs. Loomis in her bill of complaints, filed in Manatee County Circuit Court Feb. 11-30-46 Sat. 11-30-46 charged from the normal human being he had appeared to be and became a narrow-minded, intolerant, bigoted tyrant, developing hatred towards both Negroes and Jews to such a nextent that this hatred soon grew into fanaticism."

Lee Group Hits Defender Columbians

Chicago, Ill.

Block Use Of Dixie General's Picture

Sat. 12-28-46

RICHMOND, Va. — (ANP) — White Virginians, who are members of the Society of the Lees of Virginia, expressed opposition last week to the use of pictures of the general of the Confederate army by the Columbians, Inc., hate group No. 1 in the United States.

Meeting for the first time in Washington since the termination of World War II, the society declared that the Atlanta group stands for "a policy of intolerance, bigotry and rowyism which is the exact opposite of everything that Gen. Robert E. Lee stood for."

The group went on record as "roundly condemning the use of General Lee's name and figure as propaganda for Columbians, Inc., and all other organizations devoted to hatred.

GEORGIA

Gassed

Time

When the state of Georgia moved to revoke the charter of the anti-Negro, anti-Semitic Columbians, Inc. (TIME, Nov. 11), demagogic President Emory Burke disdainfully tore the charter to shreds, mailed the pieces to Assistant Attorney General Daniel Duke. The loss of a charter would not stop them. Last week khaki-shirted Columbians assembled for another hate feast. Chicago, Ill.

In a rented Atlanta hall Columbian Burke wildly harangued his audience of riffraff. Suddenly there was a crash of glass; a cloud of tear gas sent the listeners coughing and choking toward the exit. His lean face bright with sweat, Burke leaned through the broken window and shook his fist. He bawled: "Come back here, you Jew. We'll get you yet." To emergency police he shouted accusingly: "Some Communist did it."

Next day, in Fulton County Superior Court, Führer Burke begged and got a ten-day delay in Georgia's suit against Columbians, Inc. 11-25-46

Associated Press

COLUMBIANS AFTER GASSING (LEADER BURKE, *center*) *"We'll get you yet."*

Dan Duke Granted Jury Trial For Slugging Columbian Chief

The Courier-Journal Louisville, Ky. Sat. 12-7-46

Atlanta, Dec. 6 (AP)—Assistant State Attorney General Dan Duke admitted in civil court today that he assaulted Columbian President Emory Burke in a judge's chamber any question of justification. He promptly granted Duke's request for transfer to a criminal-court jury trial and fixed bond at $50. Duke explained he was waiving commitment "so that I may lay before a jury of my fellowmen all the facts pertaining to the insult and also all the libelous writings and slanderous remarks made by him (Burke) concerning me and others."

Civil Court Judge Quincy Arnold, before whom the assault-and-battery charges were brought by Burke, is barred under State legal procedure from ruling on his case, but had ferred to a criminal court where a jury can "determine whether I was justified."

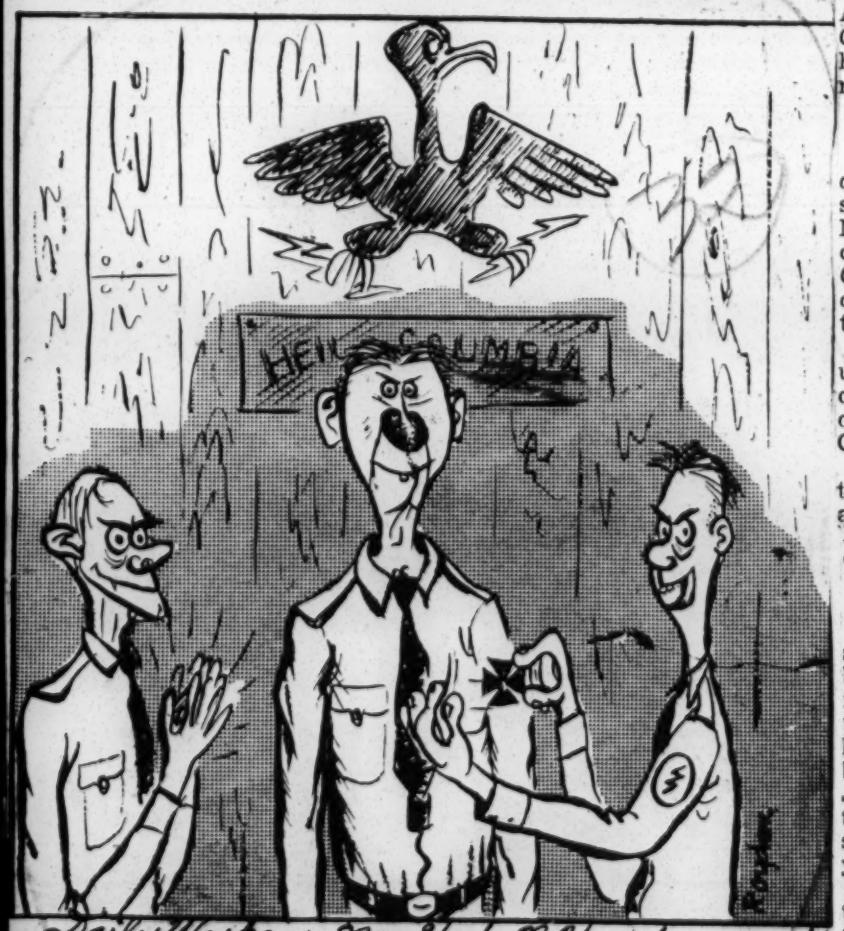
Husky Duke knocked 120-pound Burke to the floor in Superior Court Judge E. Pomeroy's chambers November 23 after the judge granted postponement of the State's suit to revoke the charter of the Negro-hating, anti-Jewish organization. Duke said then that he had "taken all I can" from Burke who had been "abusing" him with insults.

Burke said two stitches were necessary to close the gash over his eye and reiterated to newsmen his charges that Duke was a "nextent" Jew.

PESTBROOK WIGLER, ROVING REPORTER

"We've been betrayed—Somehow rats got into this organization.."

PESTBROOK WIGLER, ROVING REPORTER



"Trooper Birkleman is hereby awarded the order of Heil Columbia for bravery in soaping windows in the Negro district."

Jury Told Columbians Had Plotted Bombings

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Permit Law Flouted.

The indictments came three days after agents of the nonsectarian Anti-Nazi League of New York revealed sensational confessions from two disgruntled Columbians who charged that the organization planned to overthrow the Government.

The Columbians were indicted under a Georgia law that requires purchasers of dynamite to obtain permits first from the County ordinary (probate judge).

The riot indictments charged that Loomis and Burke were among Columbians who beat a Negro, Clifford Hines, the night of October 28.

Witness Seems Awed.

Investigators said that Johnson, who seemed awed by being brought into the court proceedings, was reticent at first to give the important evidence that he had sold dynamite to the Columbians. Then they pointed out to Johnson the similarity between the Columbian lightning-flash insignia and the symbol of Hitler's youth movement in Germany.

Josnson, who lost relatives in the recent war with Germany talked.

Tomorrow a commitment hearing for Dr. James H. Sheldon adminstrative chairman of the Anti-Nazi League, will be held Sheldon was charged in warrants sworn out by the Columbian president with usurping police authority.

Columbians' Leaders Indicted in Atlanta; Illegal Possession of Dynamite Charged

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 13—Indictments charging unlawful possession of dynamite were returned today against leaders of the Columbians, Inc.

Solicitor General E. E. Andrews of Fulton County said he had information that the anti-Jewish, anti-Negro organization had planned to bomb the Atlanta City Hall, the Municipal Auditorium, police headquarters and the two Atlanta newspaper plants.

The Fulton County grand jury returned a joint indictment accusing Emory C. Burke, president of the Columbians; Homer L. Loomis Jr., secretary, and Ira C. Jett with unlawful possession on Oct. 28 of five sticks of dynamite which were not recorded in the explosives register of the Fulton County Ordinary.

In another true bill, Burke and Loomis were indicted on riot charges in connection with an alleged assault upon Clifford Hines, a Negro. The charges were made after the grand jury heard from men today that he planned a civil suit for damages.

Speaking in a firm voice that echoed through the courtroom, Duke read to Judge Arnold a 250-word statement requesting the case's transfer. He also lashed out at the Columbians whose "organization has collapsed" and said he hoped Burke and Secretary Homer Loomis would be brought to trial soon on indictments charging them with usurping police powers in picketing a Negro family which moved into a white settlement.

Held Reflection On Georgia.

The Columbians were represented by J. E. B. Stewart, who shouted his objections to the petition's dismissal.

"It is a reflection on Georgia authorities," he asserted, "when Northerners are allowed to come here to assist in such investigations."

The confessions, charging that the group planned eventual overthrow of the Government with weapons smuggled in from Germany, were used by the State yesterday in securing indictments against Burke and Homer Loomis, Columbian secretary-organizer.

William Schley Howard, who was the lawyer for Robert Burns, Georgia's famous fugitive from a chain gang recently pardoned by Governor Ellis Arnall, was attorney for Sheldon.

Howard said the Anti-Nazi League was attempting to "put down this infernal organization which has sought to make Georgia a proving ground for any violence they might want to stir up."

Three Columbians Are Indicted

Angered by the dismissal of a warrant in Civil Court, an attorney for the Columbians rose and shouted that "It is a shame these foreigners are brought down here to protect the people from crime, so they say."

The warrant was sworn out by Emory Burke, Columbian president.

Judge Quincy Arnold dismissed the case with no comment except that the plaintiff had failed to make out a case against Sheldon.

Police Authority Usurped

Columbian Expose, Court Rules

Wasn't a Shame

In Columbian Case

Freed of Charge

Dr. J. H. Sheldon

Prosecutor of Columbians Says 'Hate' Groups Still Threaten Nation

The Courier-Journal Louisville, Ky.

Sues. 12-24-46

Shows Links With Fascists

By MARION PORTER.

Though the Columbians, as such, are "crushed," the hate-mongering attitude throughout the country is still just under the surface.

That is the opinion of Daniel Duke, Atlanta, first assistant attorney general in Georgia, who had a major role in the crushing. And that isn't counting the physically effective sock with the fist he took at one of the Columbian organizers after a court session.

Duke, son-in-law of Tarleton Collier, an editorial writer of The Courier-Journal, is here spending the holidays. In the current issue of Life Magazine he is photographer investigating the Columbians.

Points Out Nazi Connections.

The Columbians, Duke believes, "are wooden decoys of sinister forces from the East who are using young smart-alecks just to find out how tolerant people would be to open Nazi philosophy." Their backers, he said, undoubtedly knew that they would go further than the country would stand—but the movement was just a trial balloon.

Commenting on the obvious fascist connections of the "hat-the-Negro-and-hate-the-Jew outfit," Duke said the name of the two editions of their paper was the "Thunderbolt" and their insignia was the flash of lightning—similar to that of Hitler's SS troops—which was used by the Canadian fascist movement in 1939-40. The Canadians also published a paper called "Thunderbolt." The American Black Shirt Journal published in New York also used the lightning-flash insignia.

"This isn't just accident," Duke said.

Too, the office files disclosed correspondence with Gerald Smith and various "hate" groups. And James Shipp, who organized the Gentile Army and the Commoner Party in Georgia about a year ago, merged his group with the Columbians.

Nazi Creed Copied.

Books of the German Youth Movement were found in the Columbian offices and the creed of the National Socialist Party was copied verbatim. There was a blueprint for capturing authority—Duke was one of several officials scheduled to be lynched. Atlanta was divided into blocks and teen-agers were instructed to foment trouble.

"The Columbians, the Klan, the Gentile Army, and the Commoner Party," Duke said, "are just the pus oozing out of the social sore. We will not wreck successfully the hate monger until we go deeper than court action—that's just a stopgap measure. We must have an intelligently planned community life to take up the surplus energy of large numbers of young people in a constructive way—or we can leave our slum areas open to the hate mongers."

These hate movements, he said, would crop over wherever there were "tension points." Georgia just happened to provide a fertile field at the time—about four months ago when Homer Loomis of New York, and Emory Burke, an Alabamian who had moved to New York, started the Columbians in Atlanta.

If we have economic disaster, Duke continued, the hate movements will grow in the big industrial centers. If the small white-collar man should become interested that would be dangerous "because he would have the intelligence to actually run such a movement."

There is a case pending in Georgia to revoke the charter of the Columbians—a case which undoubtedly will be won, Duke said. Meanwhile, Loomis and Burke are under indictment for usurping police powers, illegal possession of dynamite, and rioting. 12-24-46

Referring to the death of Governor-elect Eugene Talmadge, Duke said it has brought about a constitutional crisis in Georgia which likely will be settled by the Supreme Court. He predicted that Governor Arnall would remain in office until the judiciary decides who is the legal Governor.

Courier-Journal Photo.

LOOKING at the Life magazine photographs of the Columbian activities in Georgia is Daniel Duke.

Another Columbian Indicted By Jury

Daily Worker

The Fulton County Grand Jury returned an additional indictment against one of the ringleaders of the Columbians, Inc., Friday.

Ira C. Jett, a member of the hate order was indicted on a charge of attempted to induce Jess Johnson to According to the indictment, Jett atempted to induce Jess Johnson to commit perjury in connection with his unlawful possesion of dynamite.

Thet estimony presented to the Grand Jury established the fact that Jett tried to get Johnson to swear that he did not know him; had never had a transaction with him regarding dynamite; and that he, (Jett) did not get any dynamite from him. Atlanta, Ga.

The indictment indicated that Johnson testified that Jett secured some dynamite from him and at the time of the purchase said he wanted to blast some stumps on his farm. Sat 12-21-46

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Continental League for Christian Freedom

Freedom League-KKK Tie Denied By Pro-Smith Head

Defender Chicago, Ill.
Sat. 8-24-46

LOUISVILLE—Claiming that his organization merely distributes literature donated to it by "outside sources," Millard D. Grubbs, director of the Continental League for Christian Freedom, last week denied charges leveled by Georgia Atty. Gen. Daniel Duke that his organization is a Klan front group.

Duke, who is leading Georgia Gov. Ellis Arnall's fight to have the Klan charter revoked, recently went to New York and New Jersey to expose ties between the Klan and the outlawed German-American Bund. Duke charged that the Continental League for Christian Freedom regularly entertained Klan officials as speakers, and that the group recently voted to affiliate itself with Gerald L. K. Smith's anti-Negro, anti-semitic America First party.

Grubbs, who organized the league in 1942, claimed that he does not know Smith, and that he never received any literature from him. "We have not joined any of Smith's affiliated organizations," he added, "although I understand some of his agencies are pretty fair." He claims 50,000 members for his organization, but says that few live in the South, outside of Tennessee. Grubbs said his group did not approve of the Klan, and that no Klan member has ever addressed its members.

Grubbs, who describes himself as a writer of political essays, claims that his organization stands for defense of the Constitution and the Christian religion. He said the league has never held a meeting and distributes all its literature, which is furnished by "outside" sources, through the mail.

Attacks Occupation Policy

One of the pamphlets distributed by the organization carried the following headlines: "The German Armies Are The Most Decent Armies in the World," and "Morgenthau Policy of U.S. Government to German Women Is: Sin or Starve." The pamphlet was published by a Dr. Austin J. App, of San Antonio.

Discussing U.S. foreign policy, Grubbs said he favored the America First movement and thought the country should have stayed out of both world wars. He also stated that he did not believe that the Germans under Hitler were out to conquer the world. Asked if he thought his organization was being duped into acting as a front, through its mailing lists, for groups with different ideas, Grubbs shook his head no. "We know what we're doing," he said.

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Georgia (Series of Articles by Albert Deutsch)

By Albert Deutsch

Why Columbians Picked Slums As Focal Points for Hate Movement

PM New York, N.Y. Mon. 11-25-46

ATLANTA, GA.

As you pass through the drab, ill-paved or unpaved streets of Western Heights, the Atlanta area which has been a focal center of Columbian activity, you get a deeper appreciation of the flint-and-fire connection between bad housing and hate movements. You see depressing row on row of rickety, dirty-gray frame houses, many of them falling apart inside and outside, few trees or lawns, tenanted by poor whites and poor Negroes competing desperately for living space.

Albert Deutsch

The wonder about the Columbian hoodlum movement is not that it took root here, but that it failed to spread. As my next-door neighbor on this page, Jennings Perry, noted yesterday, this particular group seems to be breathing its last. But unless Atlanta and other slum-strewn cities, North and South, come to heroic grips with the dilemma of decent housing for all Americans—currently the Nation's number one social problem—these tension areas may erupt with volcanic fury, touched off by hate groups.

Here's how Floyd Hunter, youthful executive director of Atlanta's Community Planning Assn., summed up the situation for me:

"The Negroes, comprising a third of Atlanta's population, have been hemmed into the worst blighted areas around our industrial districts. For decades they have been trying desperately to break through the iron curtains that ringed them tightly, as they grew in numbers along with the rest of the community. The housing situation was desperately tight even before the war, when there were some 300,000 people living in the corporate limits of Atlanta. Population has grown since by nearly 100,000, without any new housing. We are more crowded than any large American city. The Negroes must, of necessity, push outward from their suffocating quarters; the whites are immovable, since there's no place for them to move into. The perimeters of the iron rings, where the races meet, are chronically tense. Only new housing, and plenty of it can relieve the present friction. If new houses aren't built speedily, nobody can tell when hell will break loose, whether the Columbians or some other group spark it off."

Back in 1934, Atlanta became the first American city to take advantage of the New Deal's Federal housing program. It built beautiful low-cost housing developments for whites and Negroes alike. But after a good initial start, the program slowed down and today there are eight impressive but very small public housing projects there, occupied by 5000 families.

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As you pass through the drab, ill-paved or unpaved streets of Western Heights, the Atlanta area which has been a focal center of Columbian activity, you get a deeper appreciation of the flint-and-fire connection between bad housing and hate movements. You see depressing row on row of rickety, dirty-gray frame houses, many of them falling apart inside and outside, few trees or lawns, tenanted by poor whites and poor Negroes competing desperately for living space.

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The wonder about the Columbian hoodlum movement is not that it took root here, but that it failed to spread. As my next-door neighbor on this page, Jennings Perry, noted yesterday, this particular group seems to be breathing its last. But unless Atlanta and other slum-strewn cities, North and South, come to heroic grips with the dilemma of decent housing for all Americans—currently the Nation's number one social problem—these tension areas may erupt with volcanic fury, touched off by hate groups.

Here's how Floyd Hunter, youthful executive director of Atlanta's Community Planning Assn., summed up the situation for me:

"The Negroes, comprising a third of Atlanta's population, have been hemmed into the worst blighted areas around our industrial districts. For decades they have been trying desperately to break through the iron curtains that ringed them tightly, as they grew in numbers along with the rest of the community. The housing situation was desperately tight even before the war, when there were some 300,000 people living in the corporate limits of Atlanta. Population has grown since by nearly 100,000, without any new housing. We are more crowded than any large American city. The Negroes must, of necessity, push outward from their suffocating quarters; the whites are immovable, since there's no place for them to move into. The perimeters of the iron rings, where the races meet, are chronically tense. Only new housing, and plenty of it can relieve the present friction. If new houses aren't built speedily, nobody can tell when hell will break loose, whether the Columbians or some other group spark it off."

Back in 1934, Atlanta became the first American city to take advantage of the New Deal's Federal housing program. It built beautiful low-cost housing developments for whites and Negroes alike. But after a good initial start, the program slowed down and today there are eight impressive but very small public housing projects there, occupied by 5000 families.

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"If the Klan has no religious prejudices, how do you explain its many acts of hostility and even violence, against Jews and Catholics?" I asked. "Take the violent KKK campaign against Al Smith when he ran for President in 1928, for instance."

"Let me put you straight on that," the Grand Dragon replied. "I met Al Smith when he came to Atlanta. I asked him:

"'Are you a good Catholic, Al?'

"He said:

"'Yes, doctor, I am a good Catholic.'

"That's all I wanted to know. A good Catholic can't take the oath of public office without lying, because his first allegiance is not to the Constitution, but to the Pope in Rome. We fought Smith, and we licked him. But let me tell you this. As a Democratic Party committeeman, I was the first to give jobs to Jews in Atlanta in polling places. I put Jews in those places in the two wards where they formed a large part of the voters. I said what the Boston tea-party boys said: 'Taxation without representation is tyranny.'"

"What about the Negroes, who form one-third of Atlanta's population?" I asked. "Aren't they being taxed without representation?"

"The first creed of the Klan is white supremacy," he answered. "God divided us into white and black for a purpose. He didn't mean for us to mix, socially or in any other way. Anybody who says different is violating the will of God Almighty. We're not against niggers, so long as they keep their place, as God willed it.

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"Why, the Klan here right now is fighting for more schools and playgrounds for nigger kids. If we don't give them those things, they grow up to be criminals and they make our streets unsafe. We've got to live with them, but not as equals."

"Doesn't the Declaration of Independence say that all men are created equal?"

"The signers of the Declaration," Green retorted with dogmatic certainty, "didn't intend to include Nigras when they wrote that. The Klan upholds the Declaration, and it fights to the death for the Constitution."

"The Constitution," I noted, "specifically says that no citizen shall be denied suffrage because of color, creed or previous condition of servitude, and it also specifically gives full citizenship rights to Negroes. In trying to bar them from the polls, aren't you tearing up the Constitution?"

'Black Primaries'

"We're not trying to take the vote from them. But we don't want them to mix in white men's politics. We've got a white primary here for white folks. Let the blacks have their own primaries and elections."

As a gleeful afterthought, Green added:

"The Nigras voted here for the last time in November. Our Gene will fix it so they never do it again."

NEXT: Behind the Klansman's Mask—How the Ghost of the Past Haunts Grand Dragon Green.

By Albert Deutsch

Klan's Grand Dragon, Dr. Green, Hates 'Socialized Medicine' Too

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(In Atlanta last week, Albert Deutsch took a first-hand look at the Ku Klux Klan. This is the first of a series of three columns relating his interview with the KKK's Grand Dragon and his interpretation of the paranoid split personality of the Kluxism.)

You get the shock of your life when you enter the crowded reception room of Dr. Samuel Green, Atlanta physician and head man (Grand Dragon) of the Ku Klux Klan. Prominently displayed on the walls are framed scrolls from the President of the United States and the U. S. Congress inscribed, in grateful tribute, to the man who leads the Nation's most notorious terroristic order.

Albert Deutsch

There are five such scrolls on the walls of Dr. Green's anteroom. Here are some sample quotations:

"The President of the United States—Know ye, that reposing special trust and confidence in the patriotism, fidelity and abilities of Samuel Green, M.D., I do appoint him examing physician to the Fulton County Selective Service Board No. 2, Georgia." (This one was dated Jan. 1, 1941.)

"The President of the United States has awarded the Certificate of Appreciation to Samuel G[illegible], M.D., in grateful recognition of uncompensated services patriotically rendered to his country." (Signed by Franklin D. Roosevelt.)

A third scroll stated officially, to all and sundry, that the United States Congress had bestowed upon Dr. Green the Selective Service Medal, whereby "the Government of the U. S. expresses its gratitude in this public recognition of your patriotic services." The bronze medal awarded to Dr. Green by Congress reposed, handsomely encased, on a center table in the reception room.

To the casual visitor waiting for the Man in White (he wears a doctor's frock, not a KKK nightshirt in the daytime), these official tributes, plus the conspicuous medal, must seem like impressive evidence of the American Government's high regard for the singular qualities of Dr. Green. You have to look real close to recognize the scrolls and medal as the very same automatically conferred on the thousands of doctors who voluntarily gave some of their time to examine draft registrants for their local Selective Service System boards.

The Grand Dragon of all the Kluxers had readily agreed to an interview at his third-floor suite in the Peter Bldg. in midtown Atlanta, amid a maze of business offices, although he knew my identity and my PM connection. Six or seven patients were waiting in the anteroom when Dr. Green, a bespectacled, self-confident, assertive, wiry man in his middle-fifties, with iron-gray hair and mustache, greeted me with a vigorous handshake. He didn't look at all like a Grand Dragon or any other kind of dragon; in fact, this chieftain of a group that included cold-blooded sadists and lynchers looked just a little bit like Caspar Milquetoast.

I asked Green how he, a medical man, had come to be head of the KKK.

"Well, I was always interested in organizational work. I used to be active in Kiwanis when I was a young man. I joined the Klan a bit over 25 years ago and gave it everything I had. I started at the very bottom, in the lowest office — Klexter, that is—worked hard and rose through every rank until I became Grand Dragon."

Green, who apparently has a flourishing medical practice, told me he had got his M.D. about 27 years ago at the Eclectic Medical College in Cincinnati, now extinct. He practices a rather unorthodox type of medicine known as "eclecticism," which professes to combine the best of all other schools of medicine, including the orthodox, or allopathic, brand. Eighty per cent of his practice, he told me, is obstetric, or baby-delivering; the other one-fifth is general practice.

"See that woman with two children who left my office when you came in?" he asked. "I brought both those children into the world."

Green explained that he was a member of the Fulton County Medical Society and through it, of the American Medical Assn. He spoke lengthily and proudly of the half-day a week of unpaid service he had given to the draft board for a while.

I mentioned the fact that Georgia had the highest rejection rate among draft registrants in World War II—50 per cent—and asked him if he saw any significance in the figures.

"I'm interested in developing a physically and morally healthy youth," Green said. "I want everybody to be as fit as me. Never touched a drop of wine, beer or hard liquor in my life. Yes, I do smoke, but that doesn't harm anybody."

"What is your opinion of the Wagner-Murray-Dingell Bill, doctor?"

"That's socialized medicine," he replied, with stern mien. "It would put in a man who isn't even a doctor as czar. It would put $16,000,000,000 a year in his hands to spend as he saw fit. It would take 6 per cent a year in taxes out of every American's paycheck. *(The national health insurance system proposed by the W-M-D Bill actually would cost from three to four billions a year; the payroll tax would be 3 per cent, with the worker contributing 1½ per cent and the employer the other half. Far from being under a "czar," the health insurance system would be democratically operated on a decentralized basis, with all medical problems administered by medical men.—A. D.)*

"This czar could come into my office and say, 'Green, you're worth about $3000 a year,' and that's what what I'd get. Then he'd go over to some nigger doctor on the other side of town and say, 'You're worth $5000 a year.' It would take us another big step toward Communism. I say Communism, not Socialism.

"Communism is the greatest danger in the United States today, and that's what the Klan is fighting."

"What do you mean by Communism, doctor?"

Dr. Green sipped his coke, knitted his brows, and answered:

"I guess nobody can really define that word. I'd say it meant the Government practices and political thoughts preached in Soviet Russia."

"Such as . . ."

"Well, there are a lot of them, and they are infiltrating our Government and our people today."

"Would you say that the New Deal was Communistic?"

"Well, at least Socialistic. That's what we've got to stop."

I asked Dr. Green if he had any inside dope on the real condition of Governor-elect Gene Talmadge, who has been sick for a long time. Drew Pearson says Talmadge has cancer. It is widely rumored in Atlanta that Talmadge's ailment is so grave that he may not live to be inaugurated in January.

"Gene really has a varicose vein in the esophagus. It isn't cancer at all. He'll come out all right; he's too valuable to lose. The doctors have ordered complete rest for seven or eight weeks to get him out of the clutches of politicians hankering for jobs."

Talmadge's son and personal brain-truster, Herman, was the chief speaker last Monday at a KKK barbecue, attended by 1500 Klansmen at the Atlanta Municipal Auditorium, to celebrate Grand Dragon Green's birthday. Green received a new $1800 De Soto car as a birthday gift from his fanatical followers. The car was driven into the Auditorium by a uniformed Atlanta cop who's a member.

Herman Talmadge voiced high praise of the Klan and its leader, declared that his father's election would have been impossible without Klan support, and promised the assembled Kluxers that as soon as Pa Gene took over, Georgia Negroes would be driven from the polls.

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The Mind of the Ku Kluxer—
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A Study in Spirit Personality

(*Last in a Series*)

I asked Grand Dragon Samuel Green, M.D., how he managed to mix his medicine, KKK work and politics. He said he managed to keep busy in all three. He plays an active role in Georgia politics, having served as a member of the State and local Democratic Party committees. He told me that he will again resume his post as State Democratic Committeeman in January, under the incoming administration of Eugene Talmadge—a post temporarily lost during the Arnall regime. Green intimated that he wields considerable power in getting jobs for Klansmen in the political and economic life of Georgia. (Atlantans told me that many businessmen who disliked the Klan nonetheless gave jobs to KKK members upon recommendations of Klan officials for fear of reprisals.)

Green

"How does the Klan differ from the Columbian hate movement here in Atlanta?" I asked the Grand Dragon.

"Well, those Columbians have been trying to take the law in their own hands. They want to police the whole town. We don't like that."

Knowing Atlantans told me that the Klan is actually opposing the Columbians because they see in the latter group a bunch of upstart competitors to an established firm in the business of hatemongering. Klansmen were exploiting the disgracefully bad housing situation in Atlanta, arousing violent fears and hatreds among whites in friction areas, long before the Columbian hoodlums muscled in on the racket. Still, J. E. B. Stewart, the lawyer who is defending the Columbians in court, was prominent among those present at the big KKK birthday barbecue in honor of Dr. Green held in Atlanta last week.

One reason for the hostile KKK attitude toward the Columbians in Atlanta is that the latter's leaders, Homer L. Loomis, Jr., and Emory Burke, are regarded as "foreigners" from above the Mason-Dixon line.

"We'd get along all right down here if you Northerners wouldn't come carpetbagging and create racial friction," Dr. Green remarked.

I reminded Green that Georgia had managed to remain in the lowest economic plane, with mass impoverishment of both whites and Negroes, plus periodic lynching bees and a lot of night-riding against Negroes, for some seven decades without the interference of Northern liberals. I asked:

"If you and the Klan are so dead-set against Northern carpetbaggers, how is it you have nothing to say about the Northern industrial and financial interests who have been and still are draining the South's economic life-blood through absentee ownership and dummy corporations?"

Dr. Green skirted my specific inquiry and slid into an impassioned peroration of how the South has never recovered from Sherman's march to the Sea, with bitter reference to the devastation wrought from Atlanta to Savannah. With mounting emotion, he proceeded to the Reconstruction Period of the '70's, when, he said, "nigger legislators" had burdened the State of Georgia with a $10,000,000 debt that ruined it for decades after. (He didn't mention the fact that that debt largely went into rehabilitation of the war-devastated area, into more schools, hospitals and other needed public institutions. Nor did he explain how a $10,000,000 debt could ruin a state which has since spent billions from its treasury.)

A remarkable transformation took place in Grand Dragon Green as he went into the Reconstruction nightmare, which has tragically fixated the mind of the "Old South" at a point in development three-quarters of a century distant. Green's face muscles grew tense, his eyes took on a wild look, his voice shook, his arms flailed the air jerkily. The whole mien of the man suddenly changed from one of easy calm to painful agitation.

There stood the Man in White, but the physician's frock seemed transformed into the Klansman's robe. Dr. Jekyll was become Mr. Hyde.

There is something deeply significant, I think, in Grand Dragon Green's evocation of the dim, distorted memory of the dead past that lies like an incubus on the soul of the white South. How can that terrible incubus be exorcised, along with the shared feelings of guilt, the vague terrors that blindly evoke counter-terror, the thick inner walls that dam eruptive emotions against the invasion of reason, the wild hates that drive otherwise sober citizens into nocturnal missions of cowardly brutishness?

The dark mood of the Grand Dragon passed as he gradually returned to present reality; but the few fleeting minutes of volcanic emotion were impressively revealing.

I have no reason to believe that Samuel Green, M.D., doesn't minister efficiently to the individual needs of his sick patients. But Grand Dragon Green of the KKK is a dangerous quack when it comes to prescribing treatment for the social ills of the South.

Some day (soon, I hope) competent American psychiatrists will give us insight into the psychology of the Klansman and other fascist types.

To understand the Ku Klux mentality, you must try to see the typical Klansman as he sees himself in the mirror. He doesn't regard himself as a hooded gangster. Like Grand Dragon Green, he sees himself as an upright, 100 per cent American, safeguarding traditions he deems sacred. He has a tremendous power for rationalizing his brutal thoughts and his brutal acts. He is not the persecutor, but the persecuted. He even denies that he bears hatreds or prejudices.

The trouble, as he sees it, is that others stubbornly refuse to recognize his superiority. When he terrorizes, beats or kills, he believes himself acting in self-defense, or in defense of his family, community, race and tradition. The weak and the helpless upon whom he perpetrates his violence loom up on his clouded horizon as nightmarish monsters. *They*, not he and his fellow-mobsters, are guilty.

The typical Klansman is the paranoid split personality, incarnate.

The mind and soul of the Kluxer reflect the pattern of split personality, of paranoid schizophrenia, that bedevils the South. Increasing numbers of Southerners happily are ridding themselves of the sadistic delusions that have kept a whole region in sick regression. Our psychiatrists may come up with methods for rooting out the remaining evils of race terror and hatred that blind the soul and chill the heart. Meanwhile, more immediate methods of controlling the incubus—economic, social, political and spiritual—must be vigorously applied.

Jennings Perry
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Only the Brave

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ATLANTA

If Ellis Gibbs Arnall of Georgia ever is President of the United States (and he is a young man, full of accomplishment, of energy, of democratic faith and political talent), the White House correspondents never will face a dull press session. For Gov. Arnall does not retreat from any question.

Perry

In fact, this liberal Southern statesman does not retreat at all. He is a progressive by philosophy, by conviction, by instinct and by preference. You must put him with the happy warriors. Last year, his executive initiative forced the severance of the poll tax from the suffrage in his state. In the first election that followed this Summer—the first free election in Georgia history—his own candidate for the Governorship was defeated by black-baiting Eugene Talmadge. This was due in part to the fact that Arnall himself was not the candidate (could not be because of constitutional prohibition), in part to the peculiar county unit system (Talmadge received fewer popular votes than his opponent) and in part, the Governor admits without rancor, to the greatly increased vote, the vote being free in rural sections where the race bugaboo still stalks unabashed.

"I would do it again," Arnall says. "We gave Georgia the broadcast electoral base in the land. Everybody 18 and over could vote, white or black, and no thick registration laws and no tax hindrance. I only wish we could have kept this base long enough for the people to have the power, when their views are straightened out, to straighten out their government at will."

His regret is with reference to Gov.-elect Talmadge's plan to do away with the primary laws entirely, as has been done in South Carolina, and thus to bar the black third of Georgia's population from participation in the only elections that count.

"That is too bad," says Arnall, "because it freezes a bad condition. For one thing it brings us back to taxation without representation. For another it arrests our progress away from a low standard of living. If the Negro has the vote we'll not have to worry about his schools and health and slums. If he has the vote those things will take care of themselves."

Another instance of the Governor's forthrightness is current. The Southern Conference for Human Welfare has voted to award him its Jefferson Medal for outstanding service to the South at its New Orleans meeting next week. The Atlanta *Constitution*, long an Arnall supporter but itself inclined sometimes to roll with the punch of political reaction, has urged the Governor editorially not to accept the medal. Reminding him that the SCHW often has been attacked in the Southern press as "leftist," the newspaper argues that Arnall would "let himself be used."

Arnall laughs.

"Of course I'll accept, and I'll make a speech. I'll say I'm against Communism and I'm against fascism, and I'm for a courageous and confident American democracy to buckle to its job and prove that it is worth all the isms rolled together."

Gov. Arnall is one of two shining blades of Roosevelt liberalism in the South (the other is Sen. Claude Pepper of Florida) whose edge has not been dulled and whose flash will not be stilled. Before the national election—and as far back as the Chicago Convention — the Georgia Governor was warning his party to press its progress or go out of power. He gave that warning in his memorable seconding speech for Henry Wallace. He has little use for "tired" liberals who have taken cover where the woodbine twineth. Arnall himself, like Repper tirelessly and eloquently vocal, has been making his voice heard all over the country—one day in Boston, the next in New Orleans, the next in Austin, Tex. He maintains liberalism against all comers. His debate with Sen. Robert Taft of Ohio on the University of Chicago *Round Table* over the significance of the national election was a rollicking walkaway when Taft snagged himself on the points of his own pendantry. Last night at the *Town Meeting of the Air* at the University of Georgia he met Sen. Owen Brewster of Maine on the burning question of how to avoid the slated depression.

The Governor does not fiddle with the terms *recession* and *depression*. He thinks it's all the same when we start downhill. It is firm in his mind that the depression is not inevitable—"if the Government takes a strong stand against it, proclaims that it simply will not allow it to happen." He believes depressions are largely psychological—"confidence and all that." "The Government ought to let everybody know there will be jobs, full pay rolls at good wages, sustained purchasing power. It ought to have public works ready to fling in everywhere at the first sign of slipping. Then the timid will not fold up and drag the rest of us down with them."

He concedes that it will be difficult for a government as divided as ours now is to muster itself for this stand.

"But President Truman should demand it boldly and effectively."

He concedes realistically that the chances of the President demanding it "effectively" are from low to nil.

Arnall himself, however, will continue to champion a Federal guarantee of full employment "as the minimum a democracy can do to protect itself economically." He believes Republican feet "and Southern reactionary feet, too," should be held to the fire on the issue.

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"That will make it clear to us the next time we vote, and it ought to be clear."

Under the circumstances as he sees them, the Democratic Party—and the Nation and the world—have everything to gain by the reaffirmation within the party of that "program of determined endeavor, of experimentation if need be, of unfaltering faith in our own collective ability and the resiliency of our political system" that characterized the Democratic Party of Franklin D. Roosevelt.

"It boils down to this for the Democrats," Gov. Arnall declares. "When the liberals and labor are with us, we win. When liberals and labor are apathetic about us, we lose."

The Democratic Darty can return, he believes, in '48—"will certainly in '50 and '52."

Right now—as his lovely wife says, "for a change"—Arnall is at home in the State Mansion at Atlanta, but already preparing to move out to his own house at his beloved Newman.

"It is a financed house and I'm still paying on it." Arnall grins.

He is adding a new wing because his family has increased by one little girl during the four years he has been Governor. When you ask: "What next? What will you do after January?" the smile-wrinkles play at the corners of the Governor's young eyes.

"Oh, I'll be around."

"Oh, yes," Mrs. Arnall nods resignedly, "he'll be around, all right."

This is the first of three columns on the political South, oriented from Georgia. One will deal with the Columbians and the Klan.

Jennings Perry

The Columbians Are Pretty Stale Fish

PM New York, N.Y.

ATLANTA

So I finished my fried chicken in the Ansley Grill and walked three blocks through the drizzle and up the stairs and sat down in the middle of the Columbians' meeting. Appropriately *Hats* was the word I came in on. "Hate is natural. Everybody hates something. They hate us. We claim our God-given right to hate." The noisy claimant was Emory Burke, president of Columbians, Inc., a spare, blue-chinned, hollow-eyed copy of Rudolph Hess who panter-paced the slightly raised platform between the American flag at one side and the Confederate flag at the other. The flags themselves hung limp, dejected and helpless. "Hate . . . Nigger . . . Hate." This apparently was the whole vocabulary of the fevered fanatic, who kept running out of words and repeating himself.

Perry

Sun. 11-24-46

About me in the dingy Steamfitters' Hall was an audience of 50 or 60, among whom perhaps a dozen pimply youths, a sprinkling of white heads, one blowsy bag of a woman wearing the lightning flash emblem, one sleepy child. A group of newspapermen lolled by the window shattered last week by a tear bomb. Glum and stiff against the back wall sat 10 steamfitters who may or may not genuinely regret the 10-month contract for their hall signed with the Columbians.

When Burke, out of wind though obviously not out of venom, finished, a willowly young man with a GI hair-do eased to the platform and twisted his legs around a microphone stand on which there was no microphone. He ducked his head with a cute grin.

"I," he announced, "am going to talk about Jews."

But he didn't. He talked about himself, trying to explain why his wife had divorced him and—"Oh, yes—how he and the wife before that had been married quite by mistake "when I was drunk." This was Homer L. Loomis, Jr., the Park Ave.-Princeton organizer-secretary of the new hate society, who "renounced" the silver spoon "to come down here and work and suffer with you folks." He told the listening, but responsive, faithful that he had not told them all this before because "I didn't think that was important." But they had a right to know. He had been a playboy, a drunkard—yes, admit it—but when he had discovered the plight of the white American workingman he had given it all up, even his wife (who couldn't understand) and dedicated himself to the cause.

It was plain that all this was Greek, and rather unpalatable Greek, to the shock-hairs in the audience whose jaws merely dropped when savior Loomis said

bankrupt spielers could whip up a fury and build up a following.

And there is always—not only in Atlanta, but generally throughout the land—the rising cloud of the generation that just missed the war, the youths who have no GI Bill to go to school on, who will not have even the prestige of veteranship to bolster them, who will be the first to be pushed out of jobs when the plants begin to recess. Here, in the pitiful frustrations of this group, will be raw meat for the Columbians and their ilk to latch upon. But that is something to watch for, and if we have any social wisdom at all, to prepare against. As I write this, the Columbians in Atlanta are pretty stale fish. Their lightning flash calls forth no thunder.

Jennings Perry
PM New York, N. Y.

As Georgia Goes

Mon. 11-25-46

ATLANTA

It was stupid of Georgia's young Assistant Attorney General to take his fist to the Columbians' spindling, fanatical president, Emory C. Burke, in Superior Judge Pomeroy's court the other day—stupid, as well as wrong, because inevitably the Columbians will hail the blow as proof of their main tenet: That "every white American hates niggers and Jews."

Perry

This was Burke's bait, and Dan Duke fell for it. Morally there's not too much room between yelling "nigger" and "Jew" at Negroes and Jews and letting a low type provoke you into socking him because he calls you one.

I'm afraid the needy Columbians will be able to make some hay out of the affair. Duke has apologized to the court, but the apology won't quite wipe out the comfort his violence has given to another article of the hate-society's credo: That hate is a "freedom" above the law and justifies violence. After all, it is the essence of the state's case that the Columbians have been "usurping the powers of the police." Some of my Georgia friends are applauding Duke, but it is painfully plain that he has let his "hot blood" boil over at the wrong time and in the wrong place.

I am sorry about Dan Duke, because he is a "rising" young man, one of the Georgia figures you have to watch for a sign of the future of this great state whose course has such an impact upon the deep South.

He is in charge of the state's revocation process against the charter of the Klan as well as against that of the Columbians', and such liberal Georgians as Stetson Kennedy, the author of *Southern Exposure*, will tell you Duke has something on the ball besides just ambition. He is one of the men the anti-Talmadge forces count upon.

Another, of whom undoubtedly you will be hearing more before long, is M. E. Thompson, elected Lieutenant Governor in last Summer's balloting in which Eugene Talmadge won the Governorship again. Thompson will be Governor instead if, after all, Talmadge cannot be; and despite the recently published denials by the attendant doctors that the Governor-elect is suffering from cancer, the belief is strong in Atlanta, where Talmadge has been hospitalized for the past month, that his case is hopeless.

Now Thompson, who is 44, has this background: He was assistant State Superintendent of Schools when Ellis Arnall picked him to be his executive secretary. Later Arnall appointed him State Revenue Commissioner, perhaps the most important office next to the Governor's. The Arnall people hold it against Thompson that, instead of fighting Talmadge in the primary, he made the most of the influence of the Revenue Commissioner's office to win his own race. But when you ask them what kind of a Governor he could be expected to make, their answer is "pretty good middle-of-the-road." When you ask them whether, if he should have the chance, he would veto the projected legislation to abolish the primary law, the purpose of which would be to keep the Negro from voting, they say, "We believe he would"—and then they recall that Thompson once held a Rosenwald Fellowship. Mon. 11-25-46

So the political augury for Georgia hangs there—upon the life cord of ailing Eugene Talmadge, upon the quality of an untried but Arnall-trained Lieutenant Governor, and meanwhile thousands of Georgians, including virtually all the schoolmen, hope against hope for some turn that will permit the continuation of a liberal government. At the worst, there are chances, more and more discussed, of a revolt against the Talmadge faction when delegates are sent to the next Democratic national convention. It is pointed out that, as between a Georgia delegation representing only the Talmadge lily-whites and a delegation championing the universal suffrage given under the Arnall Administration, the convention hardly could refuse to seat the latter.

But that is the long and wistful view. Providence, surveying the scene—the Columbians crying fire in over-crowded Atlanta, the prospect of another hate-regime in Georgia's state house—may well run out of patience, and its trenchant bell, for all medical science can do, toll.

Burn Cross On Scene Of Rape

Daily World
Atlanta, Ga.

SYLACAUGA, Ala— (SNS) — The cross of hate, symbol of the hell-like purposes of the Ku Klux Klans burned here last Wednesday nght on the spot where a white woman was alledgedly criminally assaulted and her escort by a six foot man according to Police Chief J. A. Cleghorn. 8-6-46 Tues.

In Birmingham, the Klans recently were issued a corporate charter Alabama was not named as one of the six states in which the FBI was investigating the klans.

KLAN RISES IN ALABAMA

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Asks Incorporation to Seek 'White Supremacy'

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., July 21 (AP) —The Ku Klux Klan has filed incorporation papers in Alabama "as a rerival of an American crusade for white supremacy," according to William H. Morris, a roofing contractor. Mon., 7-22

Mr. Morris, listed as an incorporator with two others on papers filed in Probate Court here, said that the move "merely puts the Klan on a legal basis in Alabama; we have functioned as an independent unit for some good while."

"We have no connection with the old Klan, which has been defunct for some years," he said, "but our basic principles are the same; the protection of the chastity of white womanhood and white supremacy."

Commenting on recent legal attacks on the Klan in Georgia and other States, he said:

"We have no animosity for the Negro and our organization is not based on hate, for any organization based on hate alone will fail. This revival is due to outside meddlers trying to cram social equality down our throats." Mon. 7-22-46

Fiery Cross And Klan Hood Found At Scene Of Attack On Couple

The News Birmingham, Ala.
Sat. 8-3-46

SYLACAUGA, Ala., Aug. 3—The burning of a fiery cross in the brickyard settlement where Mrs. Lee Sumners was criminally attacked and her escort, Oscar Pettus, was beaten, was disclosed today by Police Chief J. A. Cleghorn.

A hood similar to those used by the Ku Klux Klan was left at the scene of the cross, Chief Cleghorn declared.

Chief Cleghorn revealed that the cross was burned Wednesday night. He said his office was notified of what he called the "Klan activity" and that upon investigating found the burning cross and the hood at the identical spot where the attack occurred.

He said no other appearance of the group was made in the brickyard area and that no definite reports are available on the extent of participation in the revival of the masked band's program.

Mrs. Sumners, 38, a divorcee, and Mr. Pettus, were walking near the railroad pumphouse last Sunday night when a six-foot Negro beat Mr. Pettus over the head and then attacked Mrs. Sumners, Chief Cleghorn stated.

A searching party found Mrs. Sumners in the nearby woods almost two hours later. She was treated at a local hospital and dismissed. Mr. Pettus suffered a broken arm and other injuries and was taken to Drummond-Fraser Hospital at Mignon.

Racism Our Goal, The Afro-American Says Ala. Klan

Baltimore, Md.

BIRMINGHAM (ANP).—A revived Ku Klux Klan, with plans for a virtual "dynasty," and continued subversive activities, was noted here last week when incorporation papers were filed in Jefferson County Probate Court.

Two dominant planks of the Klan's platform, "white supremacy" and "protection of the chastity of white womanhood," again are being stressed as objectives for the new "Federated Ku Klux Klan." Sat. 8-3-46

After Colored Americans

William Hugh Morris, a roofing contractor, and Dr. E. P. Pruitt, physician, are incorporators. Establishment of Klan branches throughout the country is planned but Morris said, "All we want to do is keep the colored man in his place."

Klan Opposes Defender Voter Society

Chicago, Ill.

Claim State Charter Imperils Supremacy

MOBILE, Ala.—Not content with ratification of the anti-Negro Boswell amendment to the Alabama constitution, The Federated Ku Klux Klan, leading hate group, filed a futile protest at Birmingham last week against granting of a charter to the recently organized Negro Voters and Veterans Association, a group whose objectives include study of the U. S. Constitution. Sat. 11-30-46

The undisguised attack on Negro rights was included in a telegram to Probate Judge Norvelle R. Leigh. The wire signed by William Hugh Morris, Alabama Klan secretary, said in part: "If (it) is allowed to incorporate under the protection of the laws of Alabama, it will add fuel to the already dangerous conflagration of racial discord that threatens to erupt into open conflict at several points in our state. Therefore, in the interest of continued white supremacy and common sense, with all Klans in Alabama concurring, we ask that this petition for incorporation be denied."

Judge Answers No

Judge Leigh accepted the request for the charter, and immediately wired the bedsheet order that the application contained nothing violating the laws of Alabama, and that the charter was therefore granted.

The Negro Voters and Veterans Association is a non-profit social organization, with the primary purpose of encouraging Negroes to register and vote. J. J. Thomas, association head, said the plan to overcome the Boswell amendment by a study of the Constitution, already has 600 adherents.

If the society gains nothing else, it will make members better citizens by teaching them more about their government, Thomas said. He intends to invite attorneys and leaders of the Democratic party to lecture and offer suggestions on qualifying Negroes for the ballot.

The Boswell amendment, ratified in the Nov. 5 general election gives registrars power to qualify or reject applicants. Its chief provision is that applicants must be able to interpret any section of the U. S. Constitution to the satisfaction of registrars.

It is expected that civic organizations may fight the issue in court. Already in Birmingham tactics of registrars are being closely watched, as registrars spar to prevent registration of large numbers of Negroes.

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KKK (California)

Ex-Kleagle Testifies

Most of the morning was taken up by hearing testimony of Ray J. Schneider, formerly a Kleagle in the Ku Klux Klan, whose sallies caused smiles to break across even the dour faces of the Communist-inclined members of the audience.

Committee Counsel Richard Combs attempted to trace the history of the local Klan over the past quarter century sometimes with Schneider's enthusiastic support and sometimes over his objections. Schneider raised a fuss at the beginning of his testimony because there was no Bible on which to swear. The committee should have a Bible, he insisted, and besides, without a Bible, the testimony had no meaning. The problem finally was settled by Schneider "imagining" there was a Bible on the desk.

Schneider said he is no longer in Klan activity, since the organization was dissolved by court order last summer. However, former members of the Klan gather in "Hearts and Hands" clubs. He said he knows of no instance where the Klan has committed acts of violence, and denied that it had any connection with the series of "incidents" last spring which created a Klan scare.

Klan Rides Again

Burn Vet's Home; Others Warned

REDWOOD CITY, Calif.—Repercussions of the California restrictive covenant cases flared here Saturday in the wake of the burning to the ground of a veteran's new home and the reappearance of the trademark of terror in three threatening notes signed "KKK."

Two of the notes, according to police and the FBI agents who were on guard here Sunday, were received through the mails. One was a warning to John T. Walker, 22-year-old Navy veteran, whose "dream home" had been razed, to get out of town or be hanged "on a fiery cross." The other noted warned Mrs. R. A. Isenberg, white, of Palo Alto, Calif., chairman of a fair play committee, that she would be tarred and feathered if she did not cease her efforts.

OLD TO MOVE

In Los Angeles, after a few months of silence, the hooded men have flashed its hate-polluted warning to George Sharpe of 8616 Beach street last week in a note signed "KKK." The message informed Sharpe that he was not wanted in the neighborhood and commanded him to move. The home which Sharpe recently purchased is in the Firestone District on the easterly side of L. A. from Samuel Angus.

Angus had also reported that he received letters from neighborhood residents in which objections were voiced against the sale of the property to colored people.

Officers of the anti-subversive detail of the sheriff's office in L.A. are investigating this case.

While Redwood City police, who investigated the burning of the GI home, declared that it was "definitely a case of arson," Walker, who fought through the flaming Okinawa campaign, blamed prejudice as the reason why his nearly completed home was razed.

The notes received by Walker and Mrs. Isenberg, signed "KKK," were printed in ink and one bore blood-stains which the author said was human blood.

Mrs. Walker and two small children have been removed from Redwood City, and Walker himself has been promised police protection.

WOULD REBUILD HOME

Incensed over the tragic burning of Walker's home, organizations and friends in Redwood City have pledged to rebuild the veteran's dwelling as a gift.

Walker, who operates a small truck line, told of other notes signed "Ku Klux Klan" and indirect threats received by other Negro families who had moved into the area.

Mr. Walker's home was destroyed mysteriously by fire during a rainstorm on December 6.

Former Kansas Citian Victim of 'Hate' Plot; Definite Case of Arson

John T. Walker, Who Fought on Okinawa, Was Building New House on GI Loan! Got Two Threatening Notes from Ku Kluxers

REDWOOD CITY, Cal. — The new home of a young veteran of the Okinawa campaign was burned to the ground here last week and police suspect Ku Klux Klan members or sympathizers.

The fire which destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Walker, 1327 Hancock St., was "definitely a case of arson," according to Deputy Sheriffs Paul Jensen and William Schade. Walker is a former resident of Kansas City, Mo.

Assistant Fire Warden Ernest Werder agreed with the arson theory, saying that he could see no other cause for the fire since the house was unoccupied and the wiring had not been completed.

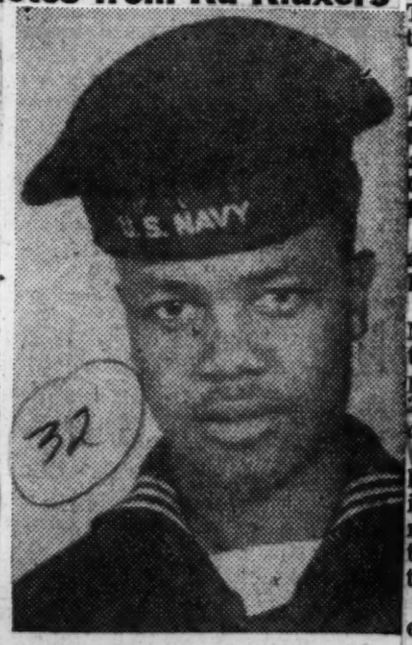
The KKK was linked with the case when Walker received two notes signed "Ku Klux Klan." He also received threats from white residents of the Dumbarton Oaks area where his home was located.

The KKK note said: "Beware, the Klan is on the march."

The fire began during a heavy rainstorm. County firemen who answered the call shortly after 4 a. m. on Dec. 6 could see a pyre of flames from afar. The house was too far gone for the blaze to be stopped but they succeeded in preventing the spread of flames to neighboring homes.

Told of Threats

Walker, 22-year-old veteran had nearly completed the six-room house which he was building for his wife and two children.



HOME BURNED.—John T. Walker, 22-year-old veteran of the Okinawa campaign, whose newly-constructed home in Redwood City, Cal., was burned to the ground by arsonists believed to be connected with the Ku Klux Klan. Walker is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Walker, 2304 Agnes Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

He said that while he himself had received no threats, he had been told by friends that indirect threats had been made to burn his house down.

He also said that friends of his who were working on the house had received numerous threats. He said that he had complained five times to the sheriff's office and once to the district attorney.

WIFE AND CHILD.—The wife and one of the two children of John T. Walker, veteran whose home was burned in California. Mrs. Walker is shown here with John T. Walker Jr., 4-months-old, on her lap. The other child is Lillian Marie Walker, 3.

Walker was building the house on a veteran's loan and said that it was fully covered by insurance. The damage to the house was estimated at $6,000.

Walker is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Walker of 2304 Agnes Ave., Kansas City, Mo. A sister, Mrs. Marie Sights of Austin, Texas, left Saturday for Redwood City to be with her brother and family during this crisis.

The FBI has entered the case and is tracing the source of the KKK notes.

Walker spent 28 months in the Navy and fought through the entire Okinawa and Palau campaigns. He was discharged Dec. 28, is married and has two small children.

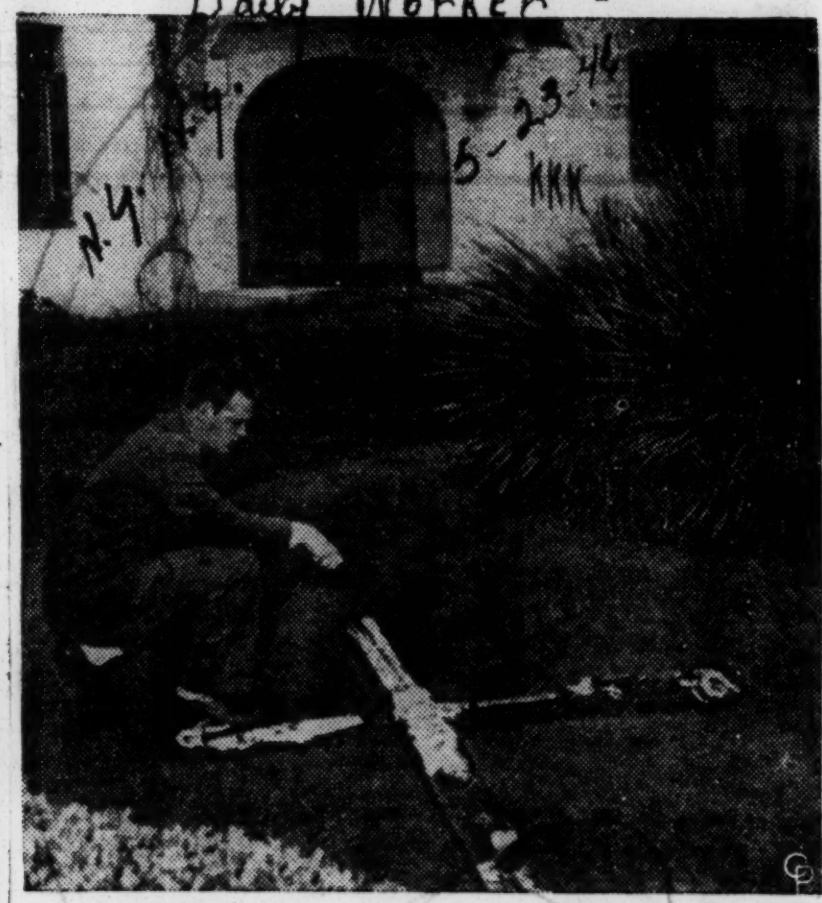
Since the destruction of the home, organizations and friends in Redwood City have pledged to rebuild the house and donate it to Walker, who operates a small truck line.

The Walker family is being given the protection of armed guards.

Note to the Nation: KKK Must Be Extinguished

Burn Cross in USC Campus

Daily Worker



LOS ANGELES, May 22 (UP).—A fiery cross was found on the University of Southern California campus (above) and white-painted KKKs were scrawled on the Administration Building today, less than 12 hours after a court order outlawing the Ku Klux Klan in California.

It was the second campus cross-burning in three days.

University watchmen found the crude, alcohol-soaked cross, made of two lathes nailed together, burning in front of the Administration Building at 1:30 a.m.

"KKK" was painted in five different places on the red-brick building and on the base of a Trojan statue near by.

Klan Link Suspected in Slugging of Negro

LOS ANGELES. (PPS) — The first outbreak of physical assault upon a Negro which appears to be linked with the Ku Klux Klan lawlessness that has been terrorizing Los Angeles Negroes and Jews for the last three weeks occurred Sunday evening when Richard Aubrey, of 5742½ Fortuna Street, was slugged and knocked unconscious.

One of the four fiery crosses that blazed in Los Angeles last week was burned outside the home of Aubrey's brother, Paul Aubrey, of 133 East 58th Drive.

Two white thugs, Aubrey told newsmen, waylaid him as he was returning home from his mother's house about 8:45 P. M. "There he is, grab him!" Aubrey reportedly heard one of them say.

One of them allegedly hit him on the back of the neck with a blunt instrument, the other slashing at him with a knife, ripping his shirt. As he fell from the force of the blow, he screamed out. The screaming attracted the attention of his next door neighbors, who ran to his aid.

Aubrey was called to his brother's home a week ago a few minutes after a cross was burned on the front lawn. When he arrived, he found his sister-in-law, her five children and other occupants of the house terrified.

A restrictive covenant case to obtain the eviction of the Paul Aubreys from the 58th Drive home is now pending.

After California terrorists planted a flaming cross before the home of a Los Angeles couple, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Hickerson, as a warning in traditional KKK fashion, Hickerson uses a garden hose to extinguish it. They have been involved in a two-year court battle attempting to break a property owners' restrictive covenant on their block.

KU KLUX KLAN'S CHARTER REVOKED IN CALIFORNIA

LOS ANGELES—(NNPA)— Superior Judge Alfred A. Paonessa revoked the California charter of the Ku Klux Klan on May 21 and denied it the right to obtain a new permit to operate in this State.

CALIFORNIA

Out of the Cave

In a night-shrouded field north of Los Angeles a cross burned red. The wartime shortage of sheets and bigotry was lifting. The postwar Ku Klux Klan, already on the march in the South (TIME, May 20) was on the loose again in southern California.

Soon a cross burned in front of a Jewish fraternity house on the University of Southern California campus; another illumined the house of a Los Angeles Negro. In Hollywood's cream-stucco Temple Israel, Rabbi Max Nussbaum, a Nazi refugee, gazed with dismay at the holy ark, ravaged by unknown vandals, and the swastikas and hate messages smeared on the walls of his temple.

State Attorney General Robert Kenny, charging that the Klan had been operating unlawfully in California for the last ten years,* moved that it be declared officially dead. In Los Angeles, a superior court judge hauled three former Grand Dragons and an ex-Kleagle before him. After listening to the Dragon's loud denials of connection with, or interest in, the Klan, he granted the unopposed Kenny motion.

But the Klan would die hard. After posing for court photographers in a hooded sheet, former County Kleagle Ray A. Schneider folded the costume lovingly and returned it to the court clerk. "Handle it carefully," he warned. "It's sacred to me."

* The Klan's right to operate as a "benevolent and charitable" business in California was not renewed after the national charter expired in 1936.

Jury Probes Klan Terror Broadcasts

Seeking to determine whether there is any basis in fact for the weekly Ku Klux Klan "terror" broadcasts over a local radio station, the county grand jury yesterday summoned public officials and sponsors of the broadcast for a conference.

KKK Threatens White Woman, Fla.

Late news about the KKK came from Ray J. Schneider, who was a Kleagle in this area before the law broke it up six months ago. Mrs. Rose Herberg, a resident of San Francisco Valley, told police that her home located at 5047 St. Van Nuys was painted with a two-foot high "KKK" insignia this week, which she believes is ascribed to the KKK. It was the result of her refusal to sign a racial restrictive covenant petition recently.

Police played a record to Tenney committee of a Mobilization broadcast reciting numerous terrorist incidents which were extended exhaustive investigations showed the Klan actually was not responsible, but was blamed by Communists who thus gained membership from groups among those present. The conference was called the Klan's evil repute to recruit members among Negroes and Jews.

The broadcasts are presented within 24 hours after law enforcement officials had told under auspices of Mobilization for Democracy, whose executive director, William R. Bidner, was committee on un-American activities that Communists are using fearful of the Klan.

A California Precedent To Save Human Rights

Courier-Journal

DEMOCRACY is a thing whose defense calls not only for vigilance but, particularly in these days when its enemies are so clamorous and bold, for militancy. The greatest of wars was fought and won on this idea, and its victory must be secured by positive action of which a fair example is provided by California's promptness in outlawing the Ku Klux Klan in that jurisdiction. 5-23-46-Thurs.

A pattern of defense against organized bigotry and prejudice is provided by the court which revoked the K.K.K. charter for solicitation of members and operation in that State. The court's order was obtained on proof by State authorities that the Klan teaches "racial hatred through violence and intimidation." and so the hooded gang is through there.

It and its likes of spiritual poisoners will be through everywhere as soon as this concept of government as a dynamic instrument for conservation of the public welfare is generally accepted and applied. The Klan is outlawed on the clear principle that it is incompatible for the United States or any of its units to give sanction to activities which deny this nation's dedication to equality of security and liberty.

Thus we may move elsewhere to vindicate America and its destiny of freedom, uprooting the moral weeds—taking account, say, also of such rank growths as the Mason-Dixon Society which the Commonwealth of Kentucky in a lapse of propriety and obligation permitted to become established with its brazenly stated un-American creed of racial division. Louisville

Thus the Klan is being challenged at the very fount of its existence, in Georgia, where Governor ARNALL has requested of his Attorney General an opinion on which to base legal action for its extermination. "It is not necessary for any Georgian to hide behind a hood or a mask," says Mr. ARNALL; nor, he might add, for any other American anywhere. 154

Doubtless the end will be hastened there by the demonstration of American justice in California, where the action was no less bold than it would be in Georgia, because the Western State had long been notoriously a seed-bed of cults, racism and minority-baiting. A precedent has been set for action in the name of the total society to brand such organizations of hatred, ignorance and essential brutality for what they are, the spawn of our enemies, the assassins of human rights.

The Un-American Klan

Editorial

The House Committee on un-American Activities will be fulfilling its function well if it makes a thorough and vigorous probe of the renewed activities of the Ku Klux Klan, not only in the South but wherever this purveyor of bigotry and terrorism has raised its hooded head. Several members of the committee have indicated that a preliminary investigation would be started soon. It ought to be followed by a full public probe through which the white light of publicity can be turned into the dark corners where these subversive elements are at work. Sat. 6-14-46

At every point the program of the klan corresponds to the program by which the Nazis sought to expurge freedom and brotherhood from the world. We can ill afford to poon-pooh it; we can well afford to expose it fully and to prosecute its operatives wherever the statutes have been violated.—Pensacola Journal. Montgomery Advertiser

Mayor says he will tolerate no more burning crosses

Los Angeles, Cal. 5-25-46

Mayor Fletcher Bowron used his weekly chat over a local radio station last week to express concern over the recent burning of a cross in front of the home of H. G. Hickerson, West 56th street target of race restrictionists.

The perpetrators had not yet been identified, the mayor said, but the police department was making the most complete investigation, running down every clue, and would search out and arrest whoever was found to be responsible, after which appropriate legal action would be taken. 5-25-46

Regardless of issues, persons, or provocations, he continued, lawlessness and terrorism of any kind would not be tolerated so long as he was mayor.

"I serve public notice that this sort of thing, which is not only abhorrent to any good American, but likely to lead into something far more serious, will not be repeated, regardless of how many city police officers it will require. No one is going to take the law into his own hands, stir up race prejudice or strike fear into the hearts of law-abiding citizens of Los Angeles," he concluded.

Klan Symbols Appear At U.S.C.

Courier-Journal

Los Angeles, May 22 (U.P.)—A fiery cross was planted today on the University of Southern California campus and K.K.K. letters were scrawled on the U.S.C. Administration Building only a few hours after a court order banned the Ku Klux Klan in California.

University watchmen found the burning wooden cross planted in the lawn. On the building were daubed five K.K.K.'s in white paint. The crude cross, made of two laths nailed together, was soaked with alcohol. 5-23-46 Thurs.

Because the cross was unlike some of the more elaborate ones burned in recent weeks in southern California, police believed the university incident might be a juvenile prank. Louisville, Ky.

Superior Judge Alfred A. Pacnessa late yesterday revoked the Klan's California charter and denied it the right to obtain a new permit to operate in this state.

Deputy Accused Of Klan Activity Fired By Sheriff

Chicago Defender
Chicago Ill.

LOS ANGELES—Following on the heels of protests filed by the Industrial Council of the CIO and other progressive groups, Sheriff Eugene Biscaliuz fired from his office, Neil W. Bowser, a deputy from Lancaster Township recently identified with the infamous Ku Klux Klan.

The action came after Bowser who has been a bodyguard to Gerald L. K. Smith, notorious hate lecturer, and to suspected Klansmen, was accused of taking part in the reorganization of the terrorist group in southern California. Sat. 5-11-46

Suspended Then Fired

Arthur Morrison, a Negro, was a member of the delegation from the CIO which delivered the protest on Bowser to Sheriff Biscailuz's office. In the first action of a public servant against members of his staff accused of Klan activity, the sheriff suspended Bowser for a period of 35 day, and gave him a dismissal notice effective immediately after the suspension.

The reason given for the dismissal was that Bowser had failed to report to the Los Angeles office for duty as ordered. Instead he remained in Lancaster Township, and allegedly used his deputy's badge to foster the activities of the Klan.

LA Mayor 'Open Minded' on Klan

The Worker
New York, N.Y.

LOS ANGELES, June 11.—The investigation of revived Ku Klux Klan activity here is getting nowhere fast. Mayor Fletcher Bowron told a delegation of 50 community spokesmen that the "police so far have no information to lead to the arrest of any persons responsible for the Klan terror acts." Sun 6-16-46

The delegates demanded a probe of the restrictive covenant racket Att. Gen. Robert Kenny has charged is being used by Klan members to intimidate minority groups.

Mayor Bowren said that the city "can't investigate people just because they're prejudiced." He cited the delegates' hatred of the Klan as showing "that all people have prejudices."

White Man Steals Wife, Then Attacks Husband, Fires House

Miami Chief
Miami Florida
Sat. 7-6-46

Los Angeles— (PPS)—Richard Bates, 29, of 822 Spruce St., went to work daily at the California Sun Fertilizer Co., leaving his wife, Marylene, at home.

Bates finally learned from Fred Mills, another tenant, that as soon as he left for his job, Dave Rogers white, who at one time lived in the same house with Dennis Towne, colored, spent the day with Marylene Bates in illicit lovemaking.

Returning home earlier than usual one day, Bates surprised the lovers. An exchange of blows followed and the affair seemingly ended with Bates administering a sound spanking to his wife.

Mrs. Bates and her white paramour left the house after the fisticuffs warning Bates: "We'll get you for this." Sat. 7-6-46

Rogers lost no time in rallying to his support the Klan elements in the Elysian Park district. Early Saturday morning, Rogers and his henchmen are said to have swooped down upon several Negro families in the Spruce St., hillside home, drenched one side of the building with kerosene, lit a match and fired it.

Bates and his friend, fred Mills, inside the house, dashed out. They were immediately attacked by armed men who ordered them to nearby Elysian park.

In the park, at the point of a gun, they were told to remove their clothes and kneel. The two men then were kicked, stabbed and generally beaten from head to toe. Their clothes were thrown into a ravine.

They escaped by rolling down the hills, finally dragging their bleeding bodies to the Elysian park police station.

Threatened for Aiding Negro KKK Victim

Chicago Defender
Mon. 12-16-46

REDWOOD CITY, Calif., Dec. 15.—Police last night investigated the second instance of Ku Klux Klan activity within the week here—a warning note sent to Mrs. R. A. Isenberg, wife of a Palo Alto rancher who gave financial aid to a Negro war veteran whose home was burned down. She was threatened with tar and feathering.

An extra police guard was posted about the apartment of John T. Walker, 22-year-old Negro veteran of Okinawa, to prevent terrorists from carrying out their pledge of death to him if he failed to leave town by midnight of Friday the 13th.

Walker, whose home was set afire by unidentified arsonists last week, had evacuated his wife and two children from the city after receiving the second note signed K.K.K. within a week.

Two Held In Burning Of Negro Vet's Home

AP News
Birmingham, Ala.

REDWOOD CITY, Calif., Dec. 25—(AP)—Two Redwood city men were held today on a charge of conspiracy to commit arson in the burning Dec. 6 of the newly built home of a Negro war veteran, John T. Walker, 22. Wed. 12-25-46

The two, both of whom live within a block of Walker's destroyed home, were booked as John B. Arlotti, 40, and Henry R. Harkins, 23. The arrests were made last night by San Mateo County authorities.

Walker's home, built with a GI loan and valued at $6,000, still was without wiring when it burned down in what sheriff's deputies called "a clear case of arson."

Walker, Navy veteran of the Palau and Okinawa campaigns and the father of two small children, had complained five times to the sheriff that he and workers on the house had been threatened for building in the Dumbarton Oaks section. Walker attributed the threats to the Ku Klux Klan and after his house was burned, received a threatening note signed "KKK."

Police Guard Vet From KKK Threat

Defender
Chicago, Ill.

REDWOOD CITY, Cal.—(ANP)—A special police guard was thrown around the home of John T. Walker, 22-year-old veteran, Friday, after he received a red-stained note signed "KKK" to get out of town by midnight or be hanged. Walker's home was burned down on Dec. 6. Sat 12-21-46

Beside threatening his wife and two children, Mrs. R. A. Isenberg of Palo Alto, Cal., chairman of a fair play committee, was warned she would be tarred and feathered if she persisted in helping Negroes. Mrs. Isenberg has aided Walker since his home was burned down.

FBI Alerted As KKK Warns Vet

The Chronicle
Detroit, Mich. Sat.

REDWOOD CITY, Calif.—(NNPA)—Police and the FBI were on guard last Friday after two notes, signed "KKK," were received through the mails. 12-21-46

One note warned a colored Navy veteran of the Okinawa campaign to get out of town or be hanged "on a fiery cross." The other warned a woman benefactor she would be tarred and feathered if she did not cease her efforts.

The veteran, John T. Walker, 22, whose home was destroyed mysteriously by fire during a rainstorm Dec. 6, after receipt of written threats, had a promise of police protection. The notes were given to the FBI.

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KKK (Canada)

Ontario Turns Down KKK Charter Plea

The Defender
Chicago, Ill.
Sat. 8-24-46

ONTARIO — The Bilbonic plague was partly checked recently in its spread to Canada recently when Ontario Premier Howard Ferguson refused to grant a charter to the Ku Klux Klan of the British Empire.

In rejecting a Klan application submitted by James H. Hawkins and others, the Premier said:

"May I suggest that in view of what has transpired in the United States, the selection of the name suggested for your organization, would scarcely be in accordance with the encouragement of the best Canadian tendencies and ideals."

Klan Threatens Continent

Revealing the imminent threat of fascism to the whole Western Hemisphere, a Canadian daily subsequently pointed to the supposedly liberal province of Saskatchewa, where Klan organizers enrolled 13,000 members at $13 a head.

Premier Ferguson further disclosed that O. L. Devine and other members of the Sovereign Council, Ku Klux Klan, of the British Commonwealth had also applied for incorporation of their organization..

Turning a deaf ear to the suggestion that there is something "British" about the Klan, Ferguson said, "The United States organization (the Klan) has apparently assumed the responsibility for practices far from consistent with the British institutions and traditions that prevail in this country.

"The basic principles of these, as you know, is the recognition of properly constituted public authority for the enactment, administration and enforcement of the law. Under our democratic system of responsible government every citizen has a voice in the creation of our laws. To permit any outside organization to interfere with this system would be a violation of the fundamental principles of our citizenship."

Fiery Cross Burned on School's Campus

The Afro-American
Baltimore, Md.

ARDEN, Del.—Apparently too angered because a group of white club women had entertained two colored women at an afternoon tea Saturday, Klansmen burned a 5-foot cross on the lawn of a school house here Saturday night.

This community, six miles north of Wilmington, has had no racial flareups. An open meeting in protest of the cross burning was held by the club women Monday afternoon. Sat. 9-7-46

Klan Never Died In Florida

News, Birmingham, Ala.

BY BEN PHLEGAR

MIAMI, Fla., Aug. 22—(AP)—The Ku Klux Klan never died in Florida. Today it is going cautiously but more or less openly about its business of enrolling "native Protestant white Gentiles who believe in America above all." Thurs.

When the nation's "invisible empire" silently folded its regalia and suspended operations in Atlanta on April 23, 1944, Florida Klansmen took only a brief Summer vacation.

On Sept. 7 of the same year the Ku Klux Klan of Florida obtained a regular business charter in the state. 8-22-46

Dr. James B. Colescott, imperial wizard of the Klan at the time of its suspension, now lives in retirement in Miami. He said the Florida revival was all a great mystery to him.

"I've heard that the local Klans are active again, but I know very little about it," Colescott said.

The new era of the Florida Klan has shied away from public print. It has made no claims of membership. It has kept personalities ultra-secret. It has staged no public demonstrating. Thursday

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ON MARCH 28, 1946, The Miami Herald declared in a front-page article that "local bigots are busy pumping life again" into the two Miami Klans.

The John B. Gordon Klan No. 5 erected signs on highways leading into Miami welcoming prospective Klan members.

A month later the Klan issued a statement to the press under the imprint of the "great titan of the south province of the state of Florida." It said:

"We are operating under a legal charter under the name Ku Klux Klan of the State of Florida, Inc. We make income tax returns to the federal government. The Klan does not and will not wear a mask.

"We believe that Protestants should have organizations as well as other religions have theirs. The Klan is a religious organization, and its principles can be found in the 12th chapter of Romans, first and second verses."

The two Miami Klans have an estimated total membership of 75. Miami is the headquarters for South Florida from Palm Beach to the Keys, apparently the only section of the state where the Klan's revival has spread.

State Atty. Gen. Tom Watson says the Klan as such "does not now exist in Florida," and the present day "so-called Klan" is a group of imposters. 8-22-46

Mayor Perrine Palmer, Jr., of Miami, has said: "My reactions to any organization fostering fascism are the same as any other veteran of this war." However, he said, he could find no evidence of the Klan's violating any law or ordinance.

Florida CIO Head Gets No On Klan Action Bid

News, Birmingham, Ala.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., Aug. 22—(AP)—John V. Lackner, Florida CIO president, had a decisive "no" today to his demands that Atty. Gen. Tom Watson take action against the Ku Klux Klan in Florida. 8-22-46

Lackner wrote from Jacksonville that a "vile Ku Klux style threat was made against the life of Roosevelt Winfield, executive board member of the CIO council in Miami" on Aug. 4—three days after the CIO had called on Watson to seek revocation of the Klan's state charter.

The attorney general replied that "a statement from you that someone's life had been threatened is not sufficient to warrant the assumption that the threat merited investigation upon the part of the attorney general. . . Thurs.

"I have already written you what I thought of some of the leaders of your CIO organization with respect to Americanism, and because these thoughts include you in particular, I am in no sense disposed to treat any complaint made by you of potential subversiveness in the make-up of any organizations as meriting an inquiry.

"I believe there are very few Floridians who are depending on you to protect their civil liberties and I, for one, certainly would not regard you as a particularly worthy exponent therefor in any case.

Watson Says Klan Not Organized in State of Florida

Florida Times Union, Jacksonville, Fla. Thurs. 8-16-46

ATLANTA, Aug. 15, (AP)—Attorney General Tom Watson of Florida paid what he termed a "social call" on Georgia's Attorney General, Eugene Cook, today.

Asked by newsmen if he had discussed the Ku Klux Klan with Cook, Watson replied that he had not. Georgia, national headquarters for the Klan, has pending a court suit to revoke the charter of the hooded order.

"We have no real Klan organization in Florida," Watson said. "The only people that ever ask me about the Klan are the CIO, and when they do, I just start asking them about the CIO."

CIO CHARGES KLAN THREATENED NEGRO

Times Herald, Norristown, Pa. Wed. 8-7-46

MIAMI, Fla., Aug. 6 (AP)—Chairman Gordon S. Henderson of the Maintenance Workers Unit of the Air Transport Workers, Congress of Industrial Organizations, said today the Ku Klux Klan was behind threats made yesterday against the life of Roosevelt Winfield, Pan American Airways' negro employe and union shop steward.

Mr. Winfield said he had been stopped by three men in black hoods and gowns and warned to cease his union activity.

"If you don't," he quoted one of the men, "we'll give you a chance to drink up part of that water in the bay." Wed. 8-7-46

CIO officials said they had telegraphed the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington for an investigation and had asked Miami police to give protection to Winfield.

In an itnerview with The Miami Herald, Winfield, A Pan American employe for six years, told this story:

He was driving to work yesterday when a sedan in which three men in black hoods and robes were riding forced his car off the road.

One of the men walked over to him and asked: "You're Winfield, aren't you?"

Then he continued: "I've come to give you a message from the boys. I want you to know, regardless of the union, you can't buck up with white people."

Florida Union Worker Threatened by KKK

The Afro-American, Baltimore, Md.

MIAMI, Fla.— The life of Roosevelt Winfield, Pan American Airways' employee and union shop steward, was threatened by three hooded men here who demanded that he cease his union activity on Tuesday. Sat. 8-11-46

CIO officials said they telegraphed the FBI in Washington for an investigation and asked the Miami police to protect Winfield. Chariman Gordon S. Henderson of the maintenance workers unit, Air Transport Workers (CIO) said the Ku Klux Klan are behind the threats.

Says Klan Threats Made Against Florida Negro

The Black-Dispatch, Oklahoma City, Okla. Sat. 8-17-46

MIAMI.—(ANP)—The Ku Klux Klan was held to be behind the threats made against the life of Roosevelt Winfield, Pan American Airways Negro employee and union shop steward here last Monday according to Chairman Gordon S. Henderson of the Maintenance Workers unit of the Air Transport Workers (CIO).

Winfield, a Pan American employee for six years, said he had been stopped by three men in black hoods and robes and warned to cease his union activities, or be given "a chance to drink up part of that water in the bay."

The CIO asked that the FBI investigate the incident and also requested Miami police to give protection to Winfield.

The Negro employee was driving to work when a sedan carrying the three hooded men forced his car ox the road. One of the men came over to his car and said, "I've come to give you a message from the boys. I want you to know regardless of the union, Negroes can't buck up with white people."

Stating the Negro workers were using Winfield as a "figurehead" to carry their complaints to the management, the hooded men warned Winfield to tell "those Negroes that all that will have to be cut out from now on," following his warning with a threat.

Winfield stated he couldn't describe the men, but was sure he could identify the voice.

Dixie Fuehrers Aim At Georgia Edition Of Hitler Germany

The Worker New York, N.Y. Sun 12-15-46

Georgia has become the hottest center of American fascist activities with the rise of the Nazi-like Columbians and the revival of the Ku Klux Klan. The Klan is still the biger and more dangerous of the two by far. But the strength of the two is combined, for the Klan and the Columbians are working together.

These two Negro-flogging and Jew-baiting gangs will furnish the storm troopers for the fascist governor of Georgia, who takes office Jan. 1, 17 days from this Sunday.

Eugene Talmadge, this fascist governor, is determined to make Georgia into a Dixie edition of Hitler Germany if he can. He has praised Hitler often in the past.

As a start Talmadge can be expected to drop all state charges against the Klan and to put maximum pressure on Fulton (Atlanta) county authorities to whitewash the Columbians.

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HE HAS PLEDGED himself also to prevent Negroes from exercising their constitutional right to vote. And he will do his best to cripple the CIO and AFL unions.

Talmadge is counting on the KKK night riders and the Columbian gun and whip and dynamite squads to beat the opposition into

Talmadge will supplement the white-hooded Klansmen and the brown-shirted Columbians with his state police and national guardsmen—it's only 12 years since he used state troops to put AFL textile strikers behind the barbed wire fences of concentration camps.

This fascist conspiracy can be defeated by the people's forces which are backing the CIO and AFL drives in the southeastern states, and which secured a majority of votes against Talmadge himself in the primary election last July.

BUT IT WILL take the utmost unity of Negro and white workers and farmers, of AFL and CIO members, to smash the enemy plot.

The new governor, and the KKK, with which he is most intimately and openly allied, are backed by the big plantation owners first of all. And apparently by big industrialists too. We have yet to hear a single word against the Klan or the Columbians by officials of the Southern Railway or the Georgia Power Co., the two big utilities, whose might girds the state.

THE FASCIST "knights" of the burning cross, the Columbians with their Hhunderbolt insignia (a Nazi device), and the fascist governor unite on the following Nazi points:

1. **All like Hitler. Talmadge praised him vigorously at various times. The Klan had a formal marriage with the German American Bund, a Nazi organization, at a ceremony at Camp Nordland, N. J., in 1940, and Homer L. Loomis, the Columbians' chief, is almost hysterical in his eulogy of the German fuehrer.**

2. All damn the "Communists" (all progressives and liberals are "Communists" to them), and they are out to destroy the militant trade union movement, too.

The Klan, especially, has a long record of flogging of labor organizers in all parts of the South.

3. All hate the Jews. The Columbians talk of shooting them in a general massacre when they take power.

4. And, above all, Talmadge, Kluxers and the brown-garbed Columbians are committed to violent repression of the Negro people.

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THE EVIDENCE against the Columbians in the Fulton County Grand Jury reads somewhat like the findings of the French officials investigating the Cagoulards (the fascist "hooded men") in Paris two years before the World War.

Caches of rifles and shotguns, sticks of dynamite and pistols; stacks of Nazi literature, including Hitler's Mein Kampf, were turned up in the Atlanta centers of the brown-shirted organization.

And lists of men to be beaten and lynched were turned up. The list included such mild conservative-liberals as Ralph McGill, an editor of the **Atlanta Constitution**; Dan Duke, the aggressive assistant attorney general of Georgia, who stopped a stream of insults by Emory Burke, the Columbian leader, with his fist, some time ago, and other Georgia leaders.

"Everyone in America is free to hate," said Homer Loomis, Jr., the top Columbian in a frenzied speech at one of the brown-shirters' meetings at the Plumbers and Steamfitters hall in Atlanta Nov. 21.

The Columbians were barred from the plumbers' hall later.

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THE COLUMBIAN - KLAN ties were disclosed by Lander Waller, a young fellow who has quit the hate group. He testified he saw one of the brown shirt-leaders swap two KKK membership cards for five sticks of dynamite. The transaction took place with two men named Jess Johnson and Miniscа McGuire in a small house near Atlanta, said Waller.

Waller and James Ralph Childers, another ex-Columbian, testified the leaders were constantly telling of anti-Negro sluggings they were organizing in preparation for the coming Nazi revolt, when they intended to take over Georgia.

Loomis, the son of a Wall Street attorney; Burke, and two other Columbians are under indictment on charges of inciting riot and disorderly conduct, as a result of the picketing of a Negro family that was trying to move into a house formerly occupied by white tenants.

Bookshelf

By

GERTRUDE MARTIN

Defender. Chicago Ill.
Southern Exposure

UNLIKE Governor Arnall who believes the South is not the most likely breeding ground for fascism (as noted here last week in a review of his book, "The Shore Dimly Seen"), Stetson Kennedy in "Southern Exposure" labels it the spot where the greatest danger of fascism lies. Mr. Kennedy makes this statement in his outline of the technique which was used in a number of Southern states during the last presidential campaign to bring about a revolt of Democrats against Roosevelt. "It revealed that these elements were willing even while America was engaged in a life-and-death struggle against fascism to employ the fascist propaganda weapons of racial and religious bigotry to pervert a national election toward fascistic ends," he writes.

The picture of the South which emerges from "Southern Exposure" as a far different one from that in Governor Arnall's book. Despite his clear thinking on many Southern problems the reader has the feeling that Governor Arnall loves the South deeply and that in his case love is sometimes blind. A Southernor too, Mr. Kennedy is not as enamored of his subject.

After a short summary of the historical development of the South Mr. Kennedy goes into greater detail on the forces of hate directed against minorities, the efforts made to prevent full democracy, and the brutal opposition to unions which has characterized the South.

The author believes that reactionary industrialists in the future will devote their money and energies to support of hand-picked candidates and hate groups. "The post-war putsch whereby reactionary industrialists sought to break the back of unionism on the strike front seems to have failed miserably. But the reactionaries have not given up. From here on out, more and more of their money will be poured into the political war chest, with barrels of it earmarked for the subsidy of divisive organizations."

"The Ku Klux Klan is potentially the most dangerous of the anti-democratic forces in the South," Mr. Kennedy states.

"This is true because of the prevalence of unorganized Ku Klux sentiment and the fact that although the press has succeeded in convincing 'respectable' people that the Klan is no longer essential to the maintenance of the interracial status quo, its prestige among the illiterate and semi-literate who now compose its rank and file has declined not at all." Sat. 12-14-46

The author condemns segregation and has this to say of the fight against Jim Crow: "Confidentially (don't tell Talmadge and Co.) every step toward separate-but-equal provisions will prove to be a step toward free-and-equal status for all. Since the South is already spending almost all it can on public services, to actually provide equal facilities would require a lowering of white standard. This being the case, each time more equality is forced, more of the pinch of the Jim Crow shoe will be transferred to the white foot, and as soon as its intolerability becomes mutual, it will be cast aside."

"Southern Exposure" is a valuable book because it shows clearly the forces at work in the South against full democracy for all the people. The discussion of hate literature, of the Klan and other similar groups, the account of the practices used against union organization are all important. Moreover, Mr. Kennedy is aware of the part Northern industry has played in all these movements and the role of reactionary Republicans in league with Southern poll-tax congressmen.

Mr. Kennedy believes the problem of the South can be solved by economic emancipation alone and takes Lillian Smith to task for pointing out that man is "not just an economic and political unit." Although approaching the subject quite differently, Governor Arnall and Mr. Kennedy both seem to agree that economic changes alone will cure the Southern sickness. As I pointed out last week in the review of "The Shore Dimly Seen," although basic, the economic factor is not the only factor involved.

"Southern Exposure" is inclined to be wordy and lacks stylistic polish. However, I hope it will find the wide audience it deserves, because of its factual account of the South's blind spots.

Can Any Good Come Out of The South?

Black Dispatch

While the more liberal minded citizens of the United States have been hoping against hope that there will be a change of policy in the pro-Fascist policies of some of the leaders of the South, we feel like throwing up our hands and wondering if there can possibly any good come out of the South when we read such instances as the following:

The KKK presented an $1800 De Soto automobile to the Grand Dragon, Dr. Samuel Green, and the newly-elected minority governor of Georgia sent his son, Herman Talmadge, to represent the family and to make a speech.

Herman made a speech just about like that of his father, "damned Jews, Catholics, and niggers" alike, and spoke of the "constructive work" of the Grand Dragon, eulogizing him as "a splendid American of spotless character." Oklahoma City, Okla.

Grand Dragon Green, in accepting the gift, acclaimed the progress the KKK has made in recent years. Several years ago, he said, he often traveled far and wide and would be rewarded by having only a few members turn up at a meeting. Sat. 12-21-46

"But now," he boasted, "I am greeted wherever I go by a packed meeting hall. I believe in the Klan and will fight for it and for white supremacy with the last drop of my blood."

How long, O Lord, we want to say, will you permit such substitutes for men like this Talmadge, Green, Bilbo, Rankin, et al, to boast of how they are riding roughshod over the rights of 15,000,000 citizens of the United States?

It is a well-known fact that the KKK does not only deny the rights of American citizenship to Negroes. It is definitely known that it opposes everything liberal and progressive in labor, in education, in religion. Yet the more backward and reactionary it becomes, the seemingly more powerful does it grow.

"Packed meeting halls wherever I go!" said the Grand Dragon. "I will fight for white supremacy to the last drop of my blood!"

How shall we meet that challenge?

We, too, must organize. Organize as the Klan is organizing; as reaction is organizing everywhere. If these reactionaries can unite to oppose all that is good, to wage war perhaps to maintain that hellish ideal of "white supremacy," why shouldn't we become more active in opposing this scum of the earth?

Can any good come out of the South? Yes, there is a little good even there. And it shines with a brighter light because it is surrounded by all this darkness. Black Dispatch

The CIO is actively engaged in organizing the working people of the South, Negroes and whites. And some day Gene Talmadge, Grand Dragon Green, Bilbo, Rankin, and all the others may wake up surprised that we, too, will fight "to the last drop of our blood" for those ideals which make for friendship, understanding, and peace, as they boast they will do for the evil they have concocted.—California Eagle.

Dustin' off the NEWS

Defender Chicago, Ill.

By LUCIUS C. HARPER

HOW AMERICA PAYS THE BLACK MAN AFTER EACH WAR

Lucius Harper

IN THE light of events now happening it is somewhat interesting, if not amusing, to turn the pages of history to prove that there is nothing new under the sun, as the old saying goes. The present breed of hatemongers seems to have copied their plans from what passed before the public eye many, many years ago; and most certainly what took place after every human major slaughtering this country engaged in.

Strange to say, after each war the guns were turned from the direction of the enemy onto the Negro.

When the black man returned from the Civil War—after fighting on both sides—he was greeted with the Ku Klux Klan, the Knights of the White Camelia, an organization that originated in Louisiana, and in addition to venting its spleen on Negroes, outdid the Klan and finally through brutality to whites, drove it from the state. It marked the first time that hatemongers killed hatemongers of a like degree. Then there was the Knights of the Black Cross, organized in 1868 by J. F. Sessions in Franklin County, Miss., which took an oath of fidelity to the U. S. Constitution and swore to endeavor to drive every black man from the polls. It faded out after it accomplished its purpose. Sat. 12-21-46

Then came the Seventy-Six Association, or simply the Seventy-Six. The organizer was a Dr. Thomas G. Gathright. He operated from a schoolhouse in Noxubee county, Miss., and had in his ranks such ex-Confederate generals as Braxton Braggs, S. B. Buckner, Dabney H. Maury, and Cadmus Wilcox. It had a high-sounding ritual, but was nothing less than a hoodlum organization to frighten Negroes from the polls.

Defender

"The Robertson Family" was the odd name of another Mississippi organization that was aimed at Negroes. It's password consisted of this dialogue:

"Do you know Robertson?"

"What Robertson?"

"Squire Robertson."

"Yes, I know him." This latter response being accompanied by drawing the right hand rapidly across the brow and back over the right ear as though brushing back the hair, similar to the sign of the Klan. This order made a fatal mistake in carrying out one of its depredations, and disbanded thereafter. It received word that "a prominent white man" was violating white supremacy ethics by consorting with a colored paramour. It decided to make a raid and horsewhip the offender. When it went on the raid at midnight, jerked the culprit from the bed of this colored home, lo and behold, it found him to be "Squire Robertson." That settled the "Robertson Family" in which these whites found to their sorrow included several illegitimate colored members.

After the scandal of the "Robertsons," there came on the scene "The White Brotherhood" that operated in Mississippi and Alabama. It never amounted to much. Many of its members were whipped by the Klan and the Camelia as interlopers. Just as it died out "Dow Blair's Regulators" came into action. While it did not object to the Klan and its program against Negroes, it did, however, protest most vigorously against the bedsheet order stealing horses of white farmers, and committing other outrages of plunder and pillage. In its regulatory aspects, it murdered many Klansmen caught with stolen property, mostly horses.

Chicago, Ill.

OF COURSE, while all this fun was going on at the Negro's expense, South Carolina had to join in. Whites there organized the "Slickers." It was one of the most vicious types of organizations against Negro advancement. It didn't whip; it killed outright. C. L. Casey, deputy U. S. marshal in Spartanburg, testified as early as 1865 that "they would just go about hanging Negroes." Then he added in terrified retrospect: "God! they killed in those days. I cut down as many as 12 Negroes in one day from tree limbs." But he was emphatic in his declaration that they were not Ku Klux, although they were "disguised with some kind of faces." No reference, strange to say, is found of the "Slickers" in the Reconstruction history of South Carolina. Sat. 12-21-46

Another Carolina organization around 1870 that caused the freedmen much misery was the Council of Safety, but that safety meant, "whites only." It had a high-sounding ritual and was literally wrapped in the Stars and Stripes, but behind its mast it was only hoodlumism. Mention of some pre-Ku Klux outfits in Georgia is made in the report of Gen. Davis Tillson, head of the Freedmen's Bureau in that state. "Bands of men styling themselves 'Jayhawkers' and 'Black Horse Cavalry' have infested different parts of Georgia, committing the most fiendish and diabolical outrages on the Negroes." Then Florida joined in with an order simply known as the "No. 298." It was finally absorbed by the Klan, and rode roughshod over Negroes until President Grant sent federal troops to stop it. There were "Rifle Clubs," "Sabre Clubs," and "Artillery Clubs" operating in the states to terrorize colored citizens.

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THE outstanding organization of the kind in South Carolina was the famous "Red Shirts" commanded by Gen. Wade Hampton, which finally swept the carpetbagger government out of that state. The "Red Shirt" movement was virtually a revolution, accomplishing its objectives by armed forces, though it resorted to no concealment. So don't be alarmed by the sudden revival of the Klan and the organization of the new order, Columbians. We're in for a lot more of this crackpot "invisible government." It's the strange way that America permits the black man to be treated for his loyalty and patriotism.

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Action of Federal Agencies Sought

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Fascist Group Stages Big Rally in Atlanta

HUGE CROSS BURNED

Newsmen's Cameras Seized by Followers

By CARDELL M'VICKERS

5-18-46

ATLANTA — Immediate action by the Treasury Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation to crush the renewed activity of the Ku Klux Klan was demanded Friday by the Georgia Legislative Council, following a gigantic mountain-top rally staged by the hooded order Thursday night.

The council, including representatives of the AFL, CIO and independent unions, stated that KKK, Inc., announced suspension of activities in 1944 because of unpaid Federal taxes amounting to more than a half million dollars, but had continued to use its original application and reinstatement blanks. 5-18-46

Officers of the Klan, the council asserted, were known to travel from State to State speeding the revival of the order, ostensibly to check the announced union organization drive in the South, intimidate returning colored service men, and keep colored voters from the polls.

The first post-war mass demonstration of the Klan held Thursday night began with a parade and ended with the burning of a gigantic 30-foot high cross atop nearby Stone Mountain.

Induct 277 Neophytes

Neophytes numbering 277 from four Southern States and scores of spectators from rural communities surrounding Atlanta were on hand for the public revival of the white-sheeted American Fascist order dedicated to "white supremacy."

Behooded and robed in somewhat tattered and yellowed white sheets—some merely had hand-kerchiefs around their foreheads —the class of neophytes knelt beneath the huge cross and took the Klansmen's oath to defend the Constitution, the chastity of white Southern womanhood and the principle of white supremacy.

The gathering was not as large as Grand Dragon Samuel Green had anticipated, he admitted sadly to the AFRO. He added that "it was a wonder more people were not on hand to acclaim the revival of the Klan."

The grand dragon estimated the Georgia membership as between 40,000 and 50,000 and the rolls of the seven Atlanta units at "about 20,000." 5-18-46

Dr. Green said further:

"The principle of the Klan is white supremacy. God made white men and colored men in two colors. If He meant them to be equal, He'd have made them the same color. The supremacy of the white man has been demonstrated through the ages and we believe it is the will of God."

The Klan, according to Dr. Green, is vigorously opposed to the participation of colored citizens in the white Democratic primary, but has no objection to their voting in the general election. 5-18-46

Disturbed by Registration

He confessed the fact that 24,280 colored Atlantans had qualified to participate in the forthcoming primary was alarming to members of the hooded order.

Few of the spectators of the Thursday night rally were impressed, according to Atlanta newsmen, who covered the event from afar. Life Magazine, apparently, had paid the Klan for exclusive rights to all closeup shots of the ceremony, since all other photographers were forcibly kept at a distance.

Two cameramen, Bernard Brenner and Robert Holloway, were seized and searched by a half dozen of the hooded men, whom they identified as members of the Atlanta police department.

Oscar Goodman, Paramount News-Reel cameraman, had his camera seized, but it was returned following the rites.

Children among the witnesses had a good time, pointing to the "Santa Clauses" and other funny figures in the ceremony. Atlanta's colored residents were not the least disturbed by the event.

The white press ridiculed the demonstration, calling all "suckers" who succumbed to paying a $10 iniation fee, $6 of which goes to the solicitor for the privilege of wearing a white sheet and practicing bigotry and hatred to the detriment of American democracy.

A new wrinkle was added in the Klan reorganization drive — women members. High heels and some nylons were visible beneath some of the robes. 5-18-46

In demanding a Federal investigation of the nocturnal order, the State Legislative Council said: "On Mar. 21, 1946, the Klan's attorney, Morgan S. Telser, filed with the Secretary of State a corporate registration for the 'Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.' He paid the required fee covering the period 1943-46 inclusive, which evidently constitutes prima facie evidence that the U.S. Treasury Department, aided by the FBI, should levy upon the present officers and members of the Klan to satisfy the tax judgment against it."

Ministers Denounce the KKK

Atlanta Constitution

Three ministers Sunday denounced the Ku Klux Klan. 5-15-46

They were Dr. Louie D. Newton, of the Druid Hills Baptist Church; Dr. Pierce Harris, of the First Methodist Church, and Dr. J. Milton Richardson, of St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

There will be others. Indeed, it is possible others already have done so and their comments not reported to us.

There will be more because the KKK is anti-Christ and anti-Christian and every thoughtful person knows it. 5-15-46

The Ku Klux Klan has a record of murder, violence, flogging, and other disorders, not merely in the Atlanta region, but in every place it has been introduced. It pretends an utterly false support of Christianity and then burns Christian crosses. It fools some few well-meaning but uninformed persons. 5-15-46

Every Christian influence must be brought to bear against its revival. That Atlanta ministers should come forward so emphatically in condemning this secret cancer is no more than was to be expected.

The Klan stands for everything that Christianity abhors. 5-15-46

An Ostentatious Klan

Mon 5-13-46

What manner of age are we living in when the Ku Klux Klan dares to raise its head again, and not only raise it, but raise it in the open, with all the apparent fanfare of a Hollywood opening night at Grauman's Chinese Theater? There is an aspect of showmanship and ostentation in this revival which is all the more dangerous since Klan leaders apparently are very sure they can get away with it. Can they? Advertiser

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But what is more important is that the good people of Georgia—and of any other state where the Klan begins to demonstrate its fear-tactics — rise up in their righteous wrath and condemn and destroy the secret conglomeration of men who would use the weapons of fear and secrecy to arouse hate and intimidate law-abiding citizens. Surely the United States — surely the South — has had enough of this sort of thing. It should be stopped now, immediately. It is dangerous to pooh-pooh the Klan. This is a time of many tensions, and such periods can contain great tragedy. Let the people act. Stop the Klan!—Birmingham Age-Herald.

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Outlaw the Klan in Georgia

Constitution

California has revoked the charter of the Ku Klux Klan, thereby denying it the right legally to operate in that State.

It was done after a hearing where the State Attorney General produced evidence to prove that which even the most ardent Klansman admits—that the Klan teaches racial hatred through violence and intimidation.

Atlanta Ga.

Atty. Gen. Tom Clark meanwhile has indicated that he will throw the entire weight of the Justice Department into the fight to eliminate the "organized bigotry" of the Klan.

For our part, we hope Georgia will delay no longer in taking action to revoke the Klan's charter in this State. Self-respecting Georgians find it difficult to understand even a moment's reluctance on the part of their elected officials in moving to erase an organization so clearly modeled along lines of Hitlerian intolerance.

5-23-46

The Klan has no place in Georgia. It should be returned at once to the realm of outlawry, where it belongs. And the State should not wait on the Federal Government to do it.

Times

Enemies Still Menace Mankind

News Birmingham, Ala.

Readers of *The News* will remember the excellent articles on Palestine by Ralph McGill, editor of *The Atlanta Constitution*, which recently appeared in this paper. In his address at Temple Emanu-El Wednesday night Mr. McGill was a moving personal witness to the tragedies he has seen in many parts of the world.

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The force of his simple narrative of human distress was tremendous. Its broad implication was simply that such a world cannot long exist. It cannot be tolerated. There must be creative and redemptive action to make a better world.

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Mr. McGill particularly was concerned about the displaced persons of Europe, those homeless seekers of a haven whose problem is the problem of all men.

Alabama

He was concerned deeply as to whether this country and all Americans are going to do their utmost to fight the colossal threat of hunger and chaos and despair in many countries.

He warned that so long as such meetings as were held at Stone Mountain the other day can bring representatives from various communities, including Birmingham, the forces of hatred and prejudice are not yet conquered in the world. He was referring, of course, to the resurgence of the Ku Klux spirit.

It is difficult to judge the exact extent of that resurgence. We hold to the faith that so far it has not risen high. But any evidence of it is a danger signal, a source of infection, to be resisted by all the powers of decency, tolerance and justice.

Here in Birmingham the forces of true democracy and genuine good will should be renewed in their alert vigilance by the warning of Mr. McGill.

Friday

It is going to take more than mere defense, however, to achieve the better world that simply must be produced if the present illimitable dangers and diseases of the world are to be overcome.

There must be new progress in the cause of democracy, freedom, human well-being and justice if the factors that make for Ku Kluxism are to be eliminated.

It was an acute situation of human adversity that brought the rise of Hitler and other evil leaders. Conditions in Europe and Asia now are in a terrible state of dislocation and darkness. Such conditions will produce new Hitlers unless they are overcome. Americans dare not feel that they can afford to be more or less indifferent to the threats inherent in such conditions.

Here in our own country we have problems and menaces of our own that can result in a profound undermining of our own free and tolerant ways of life unless they are decisively checked.

It will take the active and informed participation of all good Americans if the nation is to exert its full strength against many gravely menacing conditions at home and abroad.

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'I AM AN AMERICAN DAY'

Atlanta Ministers Blast Klan in Pulpit Messages

Constitution, Atlanta, Ga.

The Ku Klux Klan shuddered under a devastating blast from the pulpit yesterday.

More than two dozen ministers of every denomination had planned the attack since the Klan's cross-burning ceremonies at Stone Mountain 10 days ago. The blast was carefully timed for "I Am an American Day."

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Excerpts from the addresses of several ministers:

The Rev. Nat G. Long, of the Peachtree Road Methodist Church: "The Klan is un-American . . . it desecrates the flag . . . perpetrates injustices . . . stirs up prejudices against Negroes, Jews, Catholics . . . thrives on intimidation and fear. Every decent citizen should use all his power to create a public opinion that would shame these unsportsmanlike, un-Christian Wizards, Kleagles, Goblins, Dragons, Cyclops, Kludds, Klabees, Night-hawks out of existence."

Dr. Herman L. Turner, of the Covenant Presbyterian Church: "People who indorse the Klan are vulgar, stupid, out-of-date, un-American, un-Christian. I believe in crying out against it and expressing with all the fervor of our souls the hurt it brings to our righteous pride and to our sense of justice."

Monday

Dr. Edward G. Mackay, of the Glenn Memorial Methodist Church: "A mask is not the symbol of courage; it is the cloak of a coward, the livery of the robber and assassin. The excesses and scandals associated in the past with the Klan show the follies and dangers springing from secret groups that would desecrate the temple of justice, set race against race, class against class, creed against creed, and threaten the unity and good will fundamental to the stability of free institutions."

Dr. Stuart R. Oglesby, of the Central Presbyterian Church: "Hatred, racial prejudice, selfishness and fear have feasted on the evils of war. America has not escaped. It remains to be seen if there are enough Americans with the love of God in their hearts to counteract the hate found in such abundance in our midst.

"The Ku Klux Klan could not exist if its appeal were not to hate, racial prejudice, selfishness and fear. The peace is fast being lost because hate rather than love is riding in the saddle of leadership inside the nations of the earth, as well as in the dealings of the nations with each other. On this 'I Am An American Day,' we would do well to take stock to see whether an American is a hater or a lover of his fellow man."

Dr. Wallace M. Alston, of the Druid Hills Presbyterian Church: "Nothing has happened in the South in recent years more deplorable than the reappearance of the Ku Klux Klan. The resurgence of this movement should be dealt with honestly and courageously by the enlightened citizens, and particularly by Christian people of this State."

5-20-46

The Rev. Sumner Guerry, of the Church of the Epiphany Episcopal Church, deplored the fact the Klan was not being fought more actively. Saying it was the responsibility of America to establish a Christian civilization, he added, "It is most unfortunate to see the Klan raising its hooded and masked head at this time of all times."

Clark, Rapping Ku Klux Klan As Group Blocking U.S. Role Before World

Examiner, San Francisco, Calif.

Asks People To End Bigotry

Sun. 5-19-46

Philadelphia, May 18 (AP)—Attorney General Tom C. Clark, singling out the Ku Klux Klan, said tonight "we must rid ourselves of such things as organized bigotry," in standing "before the world as examples of what a free society can do for the individual and for a nation. . . . Things we do here in our daily life, the decisions we make, the inventions we develop, and the social advances that we contrive, are watched by keen eyes all over the earth.

Says U. S. Is Example

Welcoming into citizenship Clark stated that all "federal laws at my command and all that Congress deems fit to give me in the future will be enforced to the full limit in stamping out any organization or group which aims at extermination of our priceless society can do."

2,000,000 young men and women who have reached voting age in the last year and 200,000 who have been naturalized, Clark said: "The United States, as we can all see, is the world leader among nations. . . . We stand before the world as examples of what a free society can do for the individual and for a nation. . . . Things we do here in our daily life, the decisions we make, the inventions

Incorporation of KKK in N.Y. Revealed During Freeport Case

Baltimore, Md.

Anti-American

NEW YORK—As a result of a recent NAACP investigation, it has been disclosed that the Knights and Women of the Ku Klux Klan is a duly recognized membership organization, incorporated under State laws on Oct. 20, 1925, in New York County.

The NAACP investigation was prompted by the receipt of a letter threatening a meeting protesting the killing of a soldier and his brother by a Freeport (L.I.) policeman on Feb. 5.

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The interest of the Klan was stated in a letter signed by James H. Hanley, "Grand Kilgrapo," and printed on stationery headed "Knights and Women of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., under laws of the State of New York."

Sat.

Originally Denied

Although Thomas J. Curran, Secretary of State, at first denied that the organization or any similarly titled was incorporated in New York, the Department of State, Divsion of Corporations, acceded the fact later.

4-27-46

According to Franklin H. Williams, assistant special counsel for the NAACP, his investigation uncovered the fact that the KKK was originally incorporated as a Greek letter society calling itself Alpha Pi Sigma, Inc., location Manhattan, N.Y.

AT MASS KU KLUX KLAN INITIATION CEREMONY IN GEORGIA

View during the rites at Stone Mountain in which 1,000 Klansmen participated as 271 new members were inducted.

WHERE KKK STRUCK IN MIAMI

Only a pile of charred rubble remains of what was the home of a Negro family in Miami. The house was burned by Ku Klux Klan terrorists because they said it was too close to the homes of some Miami whites. Upsurge of the bedsheet Bilbos in the South has evoked a flood of protests to the FBI, which excuses itself for not taking action by claims that the Klan's activities are not interstate.

New York Moves To End Revival Of Ku Klux Klan

New York, April 29 (U.P.).—A sudden revival of Ku Klux Klan activities in New York State was charged by State Attorney General Nathaniel L. Goldstein today in obtaining a Supreme Court order authorizing legal action to annul the Klan's State charter.

Goldstein said the Klan was chartered under the guise of a fraternity, Alpha PI Sigma, Inc. Later he said the name was changed to the Knights and Women of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.

Assistant Attorney General P. Hodges Combier asserted a letter received by the New York Committee for Justice in Freeport, N. Y., signed by "J. H. Hanley, great kligrapp," said Klan members would attend a meeting which was to protest the exoneration of a Freeport policeman who killed two negroes.

Ku Klux Klan Is Defended By Leader

ATLANTA, May 14—(UP)—Don't denounce the Ku Klux Klan too loudly, Grand Dragon Dr. Samuel Green cautioned tonight, for some of your best friends may be klansmen.

Dr. Green stalled a dozen waiting patients to defend the revived Klan against attacks by newspapers, churchmen and others who insisted that the hooded order was composed of riff-raff.

"You'd be surprised at some of the prominent people who are members of the Klan," said Dr. Green. "It might interest you to know that just anybody can't join. Before a man is accepted, his character has to stand a rigid examination. We're particular who we let in."

Dr. Green reported that following the widespread publicity of the recent cross-burning ceremonies atop Stone Mountain that letters began to pour in from all of the country from old-time klansmen and new followers who wanted to establish klans in their town. He pointed to a stack of letters more than a foot high and told the United Press reporter to select any of them. The reporter withdrew three. One was from Cheyenne, Wyo. Another was from Arlington, Va. The third was from Nashville, Tenn. All were written by persons who wanted to organize klans in their cities.

GEORGIA EDITORS SAY:

LOCAL EVIDENCE OF INTOLERANCE

(Columbus Enquirer)

It has been reported that at least one note of warning has been received by a resident of this community, signed by the letters "K.K.K."

The receipt of letters with signatures of this kind was not an uncommon occurrence in the South twenty years ago, but it was with a great deal of surprise and regret that we learned that the forces of intolerance now show signs of trying to take the law into their own hands.

The stand of the Enquirer against the Ku Klux Klan is well known, but we wish to make it crystal clear that this newspaper condemns with utmost vigor any threat or warning or unlawful action made or taken in the name of the Ku Klux Klan or any other cowardly organization.

Columbus Church Group Denounces Ku Klux Klan

Constitution State News Service.

COLUMBUS, May 22—An appeal for "peace, justice, and tolerance," coupled with denunciation of the Ku Klux Klan, has been made public by the Columbus-Phenix City Religious Council.

In a resolution passed at this week's meeting, the group labelled the K. K. K. "un-Christian, un-American, and un-patriotic," and expressed opposition to "movements which tend to divide neighbors and friends on the basis of race and religion."

"We oppose such organized injustice and bigotry as expressed so openly and definitely by the Ku Klux Klan," the resolution continued.

Hey You Kluxers!

Shiver my timbers! I've been asked to join the Ku Klux Klan, not once, but twice. I remember when the True Americans were organized in Birmingham I joined up. I was asked to join the klan in Montgomery but at that time did not have the price of a sheet.

And now it has come again. Two weeks or more ago an old comrade in the True Americans stopped me on the streets of Birmingham and asked me to join up with the klan. He thought I still lived in Birmingham. And now I have been asked to join in Montgomery for the second time.

I remember when I fought the old klan so hard that I had to call on the police to escort me home from The Advertiser many nights. I remember how mad the klan got in the Miller-Davis campaign when I went into the klan hall in Birmingham in daylight and found a picture of W. C. Davis hanging on the wall. That was the turning point in that most strenuous campaign.

I see no reason for the klan any more now than I did in the old days. But I am sorry it is being resurrected in Montgomery and Birmingham. It means friction, confusion, and I am afraid, some bloodshed in the long run.

Communism, K.K.K.

To The Courier-Journal Editor:

Considering that the war just won for "freedom everywhere in the world" has succeeded only in making Europe safe for Communism and religious persecution, it is little wonder that these freedooms are flaunted by the Klu Klux Klan, now rearing its ugly head after a blessed period of dormancy.

Just as the Communists decided years ago that everyone disagreeing with them would be labeled fascists, so everyone not white, gentile, Protestant comes under similar condemnation. The omission of the words "Jewish, Catholic" shows they have learned much from the gentile Commy art of hood-winking. It is comforting to know that sincere Protestants and most white people repudiate

of their Hitlerian principles.

As for protecting the chastity of American womanhood, K.K.K. ritual and unwed mothers caused by American spiritual illiteracy should provide a zealous crusading. Orro R. Link.

Bowman Field, Ky.

Thomas Dixon's Real "Worth" To The South

SOUTHERN daily paper editors have been eulogizing THOMAS DIXON, who died recently. Mr. DIXON became famous by writing *The Clansman*, which was put on the movie screen as *The Birth of a Nation*.

More than two million copies of the book were sold, and many millions, North and South, saw the picture version.

THOMAS DIXON purported to depict in his books the travail the South endured as a result of the Civil War and the reconstruction period that followed.

He overdid the job. His method of inflaming the white mind against the Negro—upon whom he placed all of the blame for what happened—was to show a young white girl leaping over a precipice to certain death when pursued by a Negro man.

Nothing of the sort ever happened, except in the perverted mind of THOMAS DIXON. He did more to organize and foment interracial discord in the South than TILLMAN, VARDAMAN, BLEASE and their whole school of political crackpots combined.

Many whites of the 1870-1910 period wrote about the South's bitterness because of the "lost cause" but the only one who told the whole truth as to the Negro was HENRY W. GRADY.

DIXON over-magnified, over-dramatized the sordid story. He was directly responsible for many riots and the death of many innocent people. The virus he spread through the vehicle of his books is still eating at the vitals of a good deal of the South of today.

THOMAS DIXON was for 12 years the pastor of a Baptist church. How he came so close to acquiring the graces of Christianity and missed it so far is one of the mysteries of human nature.

He made millions—every dollar of which was tainted with blood. The South is a half century behind the West today because of THOMAS DIXON.

KKK Rides Again

INTOLERANCE, the other great mistake of Hitler, also has increased to a shocking degree. Witness, for instance, the Ku Klux Klan. Discredited, and with its leaders in jail before the war, it has now sprung to life again. So far its activities are scattered and feeble but significantly growing stronger.

To illustrate, here is a secret survey of KKK activities in the South which shows how intolerance, the poison which helped bring the downfall of Hitler, is creeping into our national bloodstream.

The postwar revival of the Klan began on October 10 when a fiery cross was burned on Stone Mountain just outside of Atlanta, Ga., which once again has become the KKK national headquarters. Since then five Klan chapters have been meeting regularly in Atlanta. Chapter No. 1 has a weekly attendance of 150, and several city policemen, city officials and substantial citizens have joined in the last few weeks.

In Knoxville, Tenn.; Birmingham, Ala.; Key West, Fla., and Maryville, Tenn., Klan chapters are meeting regularly. In Miami, Fla., several crosses have been burned since VJ-Day, but a vigorous expose by the Miami Herald has resulted in Klan condemnation by ministers, civic leaders and politicians.

In Chattanooga, two Klan chapters meet regularly, one led by a J. B. Stoner. They have burned about 10 crosses since VJ-Day. The Klan in Chattanooga, unlike other cities, is more anti-Negro than anti-Jewish or anti-Catholic.

It Happened in Tennessee

Recently Stoner sent out postal cards to a Chattanooga mailing list advertising the "Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion" for sale at $2 per copy. This book, once published by Henry Ford, but later repudiated by him as false, claims to reveal a world Jewish plot to take over civilization.

On about March 4, Mrs. Kate Robbins, a resident of Chattanooga, purchased a dry goods store in nearby Red Bank. On March 8, a fiery cross was burned across the street. Five men wearing Klan robes and hoods, though their faces were unmasked, stood in the street outside.

One of them poked his head through her door and asked if she knew what the cross-burning meant. When she did not reply, he said:

"It means we don't want any Jews in Red Bank."

On March 18 Mrs. Robbins found hickory switches tied to the doorknob of the store and a note under the door which read:

"We mean business—we don t want any Jews here. (Signed) KKK."

Mrs. Robbins, frightened, sold her store the following day.

And that is exactly what happened in Germany when that country started on its long nose-dive to disaster, taking the rest of the world with her into war.

LABOR IN GEORGIA ASKS KLAN INQUIRY

State Council, Largely AFL and CIO, Urges U. S. Treasury and FBI to Act

ATLANTA, May 10 (AP)—The State Legislative Council, a labor group, demanded an investigation by the Treasury Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation today into activities of the resurgent "Association of Georgia Klans."

The council, which includes representatives of the AFL, CIO and independent unions, stated that KKK, Inc., announced suspension of activities in 1944 because of unpaid Federal taxes amounting to more than $500,000, but had continued to use its original application and reinstatement blanks.

A spokesman for the council said that officers of the klan were known to travel from State to State on klan business.

The investigation was demanded following a cross-burning ceremony on Stone Mountain last night.

In a statement, the council said:

"On March 21, 1946, the Klan's attorney, Morgan S. Telser, filed with the Secretary of State of Georgia a corporate registration for the 'Knight of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.' He paid the required fee covering the period 1943-1946 inclusive, which evidently constitutes prima facie evidence that the United States Treasury Department, aided by the FBI, should levy upon the present officers and members of the klan to satisfy the tax judgment against it."

During the ceremony two United Press men were searched and their film was confiscated by half a dozen men. Oscar Goodman, Paramount Newsreel camera man, had his camera seized, but later was returned. Life magazine got permission from the klan to make "exclusive" photographs of the ceremony.

A thousand of the white-robed and hooded figures, assembled from Georgia and surrounding States, turned out at the ceremony on Stone Mountain to initiate several hundred newcomers. The initiation fee is $10. More than a thousand spectators witnessed the ceremony, and a angle in the KKK, women members, inttrigued some spectators.

Resurgent activity of the Klan in recent weeks has been reported in several parts of the South.

The original Ku Klux Klan was born of the reconstruction period in the South to overthow Negro and "carpet-bag" rule. The present order, however, sprang up after the first World War.

The Grand Dragon, Dr. Samuel Green, a physician of Atlanta, last night disclaimed, for the order, any racial or religious prejudice but bi-racial, politico-labor and church, groups quickly disputed this.

STATE AIDE OUSTED IN KLAN INQUIRY

H. A. Demarest, Vehicle Deputy in Queens, Dismissed as 'Unfit to Hold Office'

HIS TESTIMONY ASSAILED

Charges Filed by Goldstein—Discharged Official Denies Relations With Group

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

ALBANY, May 6—Horace A. Demarest, Deputy State Motor Vehicle Commissioner and a Republican leader in Queens, was dismissed from his State job today. He was involved in an investigation of the Ku Klux Klan by Attorney General Goldstein.

Mr. Demarest was dismissed by Clifford J. Fletcher, State Motor Vehicle Commissioner, who acted on the order of Alger B. Chapman, president of the State Tax Commission. The request for Mr. Demarest's removal came from the Attorney General, who stated that he was "unfit to hold public office."

In addition to a brief statement announcing his action, Mr. Fletcher made public a letter from the Attorney General to Governor Dewey.

Charges by Goldstein

Mr. Goldstein said Mr. Demarest had failed to cooperate with legal authorities and that he did not give full answers to questions concerning his past interest in the Ku Klux Klan. Mr. Goldstein in his letter to Governor Dewey said:

"As Attorney General, I brought a naction to vacate the certificate of incorporation and annul the corporate existence of the Knights and Women of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.

"Investigation discloses that in 1923, the Alpha Pi Sigma, Inc., was organized. One of the incorporators was Horace A. Demarest who presently occupies the position of Deputy Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, assigned to the Queens County Office.

Results of Examination

"My office examined Horace A. Demarest. I have come to the conclusion that Horace A. Demarest is unfit to hold public office, in that

"His testimony under oath is at variance with the testimony he had previously given to the District Attorney of New York County.

"He has violated the spirit of the recognize drules of conduct expected of public officials, to wit: That they fully cooperate with legally constituted authorities and answer freely and truthfully all questions propounded to them.

"Thus he has forfeited any claim to merit the trust of the public whom he serves, by failing to give full answers to questions put to him by the Assistant Attorney General, particularly with reference to his past interest in and connections with the subject corporation and the Ku Klux Klan and his present interest therein.

Moved to Queens in 1926

Mr. Demarest, who moved from Manhattan to Queens in 1926, has been active in Republican politics for sixteen years. He became Deputy State Motor Vehicle Commissioner after Governor Dewey took office in 1943.

Mr. Demarest has admitted that he was one of the incorporators of the Alpha Pi Sigma Fraternity, but he insisted he did not know the nature of the organization and that he had no personal relations with the Klan.

'Sudden,' Says Demarest Here

Horace A. Demarest packed up his personal belongings, cleaned out his desk, and departed from his office in the State Motor Vehicle Bureau at 147-12 Eighty-ninth Avenue, Jamaica, in the middle of yesterday afternoon. He said:

"I have been through officially sine 2 o'clock. It was pretty sudden. Further than that, I have no comment."

Mr. Demarest said he intended to work as a fund raiser for charity organizations, which he had done before gaining appointment to public office. Last week, after his interrogation by the Attorney General, he denied reports he would resign or be removed.

Klan Investigation

Why does not the Wood-Rankin committee investigate the attempts of some of the racketeers to re-establish the Ku Klux Klan?

Recently Russia hearlded to the entire world that Congress, through its committee to investigate un-Americanism, was favoring the growth of the KKK. This sort of publicity must serve to weaken the effort of Jimmy Byrnes and Stettinius in their councils to prevent another war. It is time that Congress forced the Rankin committee to investigate the attempt to revive the organizations preying on the ignorance, superstition and un-Christian moronic fringe in our country. If not, the Justice Depart-

To Fight Klan

Denouncing the Ku Klux Klan as an "un-Christian and un-American institution," the Presbyterian Outlook today called on ministers throughout the South

Ministers Are Urged

to sound off for all of us in de- nunciation" of the Ku Klux Klan.

Deploring that the annual meeting of Christian Relations established within the Southern Presbyterian Church failed to make a "resounding de- nunciation" of this un-Christian, un-American institution. Local ministers and individuals who have taken a definite stand against the Klan and numerous ministerial groups throughout the South should the same.

The editorial urged "the newly-created Department of Christian Relations to recorded sharp disapproval of the organization's activities and pur-

Falls Church, Va.

Church Leaders Denounce Hate Movements

News Age Herald

By Religious News Service

DENOMINATIONAL LEADERS coming together for their annual meetings during coming weeks are expected to follow the example of the Southern Baptist Convention which last week took sharp issue with groups fomenting racial and religious hatred. Chief target of church criticism undoubtedly will be the Ku Klux Klan, which has been revived in the South and which Southern Baptists called a threat to national unity. Birmingham Ala

The K. K. K. and kindred movements were earlier scored by the Metropolitan Church Federation of St. Louis in a resolution deploring evidences of "a growing spirit of intolerance in various areas of America's social and educational life."

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IMPETUS TO OUTSPOKEN CHURCH OPPOSITION to the Klan and all agencies which seek to exploit racial and religious bias was given by the Greater Miami Ministerial Association in a resolution disassociating the Protestant Church from "such an intolerant movement" as the K. K. K. and asking people to refrain from joining the organization.

The action of the Miami ministers was applauded by Zion's Herald, Methodist weekly published in Boston, in an editorial urging every council of churches and ministerial association to follow the lead of the Miami group. The publication assailed as "rank heresy and vile blasphemy" the Klan's application blank in which prospective members assert they believe "in the tenets of the Christian religion, maintenance of white supremacy, and principles of 'pure Americanism.'" 6-2-46 News

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PRAISING BOTH the Southern Baptist and the Miami ministerial group for their declarations against intolerance, and The Miami News declared "it is heartening to see the authorized spokesmen for the churches stripping the pretense from this vicious propaganda." Sunday

"Courageous ministers for many decades," The News asserted, "have stood against this bigoted, barbaric organization, but in the past they have fought their battles in relative isolation. But since the post-war revival of the Klan, the forces of organized religion have begun to advance in phalanx."

"The most dangerous thing about the Ku Klux Klan in the South," The News warned, "is the fact that its queer, perverted ideology has somehow, in the minds of the uninformed, gotten mixed up with Christianity. The limited success of this effort to identify the Klan with religion, and the enemies of the Klan with irreligion, has given the K. K. K. a considerable portion of its following. This has been profoundly disheartening and in no small measure alarming." Sunday

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REFLECTING THIS ALARM was a concerted effort of leading Protestant pastors in Atlanta recently which took the form of sermons denouncing a cross-burning ceremony on nearby Stone Mountain. Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian and Episcopal and other ministers warned Sunday congregations that the Klan is seeking to stir up prejudice against Negroes, Jews and Catholics, and declared "it remains to be seen if there are enough Americans with the love of God in their hearts to counteract the hate found in such abundance in our midst." 6-2-46

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MEANWHILE, ORGANIZED ACTION to combat religious and racial prejudice is being promoted in various areas. Following their forthright condemnation of the K. K. K. movement, the Greater Miami Ministerial Association authorized its executive committee to investigate and act to prevent threatened race riots and growing friction in the Brownsville area of the city. It has been reported that several Negro houses were burned and Negroes threatened following burning of crosses by masked Klansmen.

Subsequently, formation of a community-wide committee to bring the full power of civic and religious groups in Miami against the K. K. K. was announced at a meeting in the regional office of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. Attending the meeting were representatives of the Miami Ministerial Association, the CIO, the AFL, B'nai B'rith, the Knights of Columbus, and other groups.

Church observers point out that, unlike the situation following the First World War, religious groups, particularly Protestants, are now acting quickly and with determination to discredit the Klan and other hate movements. 6-2-46

Resurgence of The Klan

Black Dispatch

Remember how Jack Walton back in the early '20s ripped into the vicious order of the Ku Klux Klan? Well, Governor Ellis Arnall is doing the same thing today in Georgia. Strong, courageous and virile Americans in New York, California and other states are also fighting to halt resurgence of this lawless, corrupt and demoralizing influence in American life. Sat 6-8-46

If the Klan operates in Georgia, Governor Arnall is going to see to it that these cowardly bed-sheet scoundrels pay delinquent federal taxes in the sum of $685,305. He is working with Marion Allen, the internal revenue collector in Atlanta. The two allege in a petition filed that the Klan owes this amount in back taxes for the years of 1921 through 1924. Meanwhile, Governor Arnall has ordered the state attorney general to bring action for revocation of charter. It looks as though the conscience of America has about decided that wickedness and obliquity must die if freedom and democracy would live. Oklahoma City

The order of the Ku Klux Klan was born in an atmosphere and at a time when men openly sought to evade and ignore the constitution of the United States, and institute government by men as a substitute for government by law. It was organized in Tennessee in 1866 for the exprest purpose of terrorizing and intimidating Negroes, and preventing the newly enfranchised slaves from exercising ballot rights. Every vile, felonious and depraved method was adopted to frighten and dismay the illiterate blacks just emerging from chattle slavery, and who could be easily made panic-stricken by fantastic plays upon their ignorant superstitions. Oklahoma City, Okla.

Here are some of the weird practices nightly visited upon the humble cabin homes of the blacks. Grotesque figures, without arms, would gather around the homes of the blacks shouting, "I want fried nigger meat." Another man, provided with a rubber stomach, would startle the blacks peeping out the windows in the moonlight, by swallowing pails full of water. Another would represent some Negro long dead, who had come to warn his friends not to meddle with the white man's ballot box. All of these vicious practices were utilized nightly, and further fright was created in the day by referring to klan lodges as "dens," and the members as "ghouls," "giants," "goblins," "titans," "furies," "dragons" and "hydras." Sat 6-8-46

Negroes who refused to be terrorized by such fieldish practices were whipped, maimed, and in many instances murdered. Southern government condoned these blood-thirsty nocturnal visits until Negroes had been completely horror-stricken and driven from the polling places of the South. There is no darker or more depraved chapter in American life than the period when hypocrisy and impiety shoved integrity and honor into the background of life during reconstruction. Black Dispatch

In recent years the Klan has become anti-Jewish and anti-Catholic. It has, of course, dropped some of its terroristic tactics of the early years because few of the young generation of blacks are impressed by the sinister tactics effectively used in nightly visits to cabins of the ignorant almost a century ago. But the Klan still burns fiery crosses, a symbol of its displeasure and a threat to the peace and physical safety of American citizens upon whom it visits its insidious warnings and abuse. Just a few weeks ago a fiery cross was lighted by the Klan in the front yard of a Negro in Los Angeles, whose only crime is that he purchased a home and was living in it. The cross of the Klan represents the snarl before the dog bites; the shake of the fist before a blow is delivered. It represents the entry of totalitarianism and fascism into American life.

Here's hoping that Governor Arnall will be able to dehood the Klan. It is unfortunate that in this task he does not have the cooperation and assistance of Congressman Rankin's committee charged with responsiblity to investigate un-American activities in this country.

The Klan And Race Relations

(From the Lighthouse and Informer, Columbia, S. C.)

There's little danger in Negroes fleeing in hysterics and terror at mention of sight of the Ku Klux Klan but there is a much greater danger. Formerly, the Klan's best achievement was to throw terror and fear in the minds of Negroes. Today, any activity of the Klan poses a threat to the security, understanding and growing friendly relations of both races. Daily World Atlanta Ga.

It is reported that after the mysterious ride through Negro sections at Bennettsville last Sunday, a ride conducted by Klansmen or by persons emulating the Klan, about a dozen young war veterans armed themselves and patrolled a section of Kinney street for more than three hours. They had not but one intention: to unrobe or even injure the disguised persons, be they "pranksters" or genuine who had frightened out of the streets little boys and girls playing in the cool evening. Friday - 6-21-46

Had the riders retraced their route Bennettsville would now be trying to scramble out an incident, perhaps as serious as the Columbia, Tenn. affair, and race relations would have been set back again. These young ex-soldiers are trained in welfare. They are a proud, restless group tired of being booted about and of the Status Quo awaiting their return. They place little value on their lives. (They were taught this while defending their country). One remarked to a mother who pleaded with them in Bennettsville. "I've lived a little while and that's all a man's entitled to." Atlanta Ga.

It's too late to lock the stable-to take precautions —after the horse has left. And we wish especially that public officials, the governor, the sheriff, mayors and local police officials know the acute danger which can break into a community disaster momentarily by tolerance of Klan activity or its semblance. Negroes are just not going to stand for these things. Friday 6-21-46

Let the Klan begone; but if it must appear here and there, let it appear, parade and burn crosses always among the white people who originated, kept and love it.

Ku Klux Klan Held Facing Collapse; Georgia Is Considered Stronghold

The Atlanta, Ga Constitution Mon. 9-9-46

By ROBERT F. LOFTUS.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8—(UP) The Ku Klux Klan's second major revival attempt since the reconstruction era is collapsing under a vigorous attack by State and Federal authorities, and in all but a handful of states the hooded riders are ready to call it a night.

In a few sections of the country the Klansmen have tried to go underground when the authorities cracked down, but in most cases the mere threat of criminal prosecution has been sufficient to scare them right out of their nightshirts and back into more lawful pursuits.

Two states have outlawed the KKK since the latest revival began early this year, and three other states have started legal action to revoke the order's charter.

A United Press survey revealed that the Klan has been openly active in 15 or more states, but that nowhere have the Klansmen been able to establish the reign of terror and intolerance they spread across the country a generation ago.

The biggest outbursts of Klan activity thus far have centered in Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, Mississippi, and California. Fiery crosses have flamed there, members of racial or religious minorities have been threatened and beaten, and in a few instances killings have been charged to the KKK.

Elsewhere, however, the Klan's proselyters have met public hostility and legal reprisals that apparently killed off the movement before it could get started again—including many parts of the Deep South and midwest where the Klansmen flourished openly in the 1920's.

The Federal Government thus far has taken a bystander's role in the fight, but the Department of Justice announced that it is ready to move in wherever evidence is found that the Klan is surpressing constitutional liberties.

The Department also has been asked by Gov. Ellis Arnall, of Georgia, to investigate his charge that the KKK is linked secretly with the outlawed German-American Bund. Mon. 9-9-46

Arnall also has started action to revoke the Klan's charter in Georgia. California and New Jersey are taking similar steps. Kentucky outlawed the KKK last week. New York did so in July.

Dr. Samuel Green, Grand Dragon of the Georgia Klans, is leading the fight to keep the hooded order alive in his part of the South. He claims, without confirmation, a membership of more than 10,000 in his State.

Supporters of Gov. Arnall have expressed fear that the KKK will stage a big comeback after Gov.-Nominate Talmadge takes office.

The Klan's revival in some Southern States has been traced by labor leaders to fear of unionization among the Negro and "poor white" industrial workers there. CIO spokesmen claim the Klansmen have beaten and killed their textile organizers, wrecked union halls and acted as strikebreakers.

Section by section, here is the present status of the Klan, as gathered from official and private sources: The Constitution

New York—KKK charter revoked in July after a brief flare-up in the metropolitan New York area. A Federal investigation found four Klan klaverns operating, one of whose officers was working as a steward for the Knights of Columbus in Huntington, L. I. Atlanta, Ga.

New Jersey—State action pending to revoke Klan charter; Klansmen and German Bundsmen allegedly fraternized at Camp Nordland, Sussex County, in 1940.

Virginia, North Carolina and West Virginia—Klan believed dormant. Mon. 9-9-46

OUTLAWED IN KENTUCKY

Kentucky—The Klan was outlawed by state order last week on charges that it was "fomenting racial or religious hatred and prejudice through terrorism and propaganda." The State action was not contested.

Pennsylvania—Police investigation under way following complaint by New York State Supreme Court Judge Meier Steinbrink, head of the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League.

South Carolina—Klan charter lapsed several years ago; operating under cover since then. KKK recruiters allegedly at work in Columbia.

GEORGIA STRONGHOLD

Georgia — Vigorous organizing drive under way throughout State, touched off by mammoth cross-burning on Stone Mountain. The State is regarded as the biggest actual and potential source of Klan strength. Most Georgia Klansmen reportedly supported Talmadge for Governor, although the Klan made no formal indorsement. Suit to revoke charter pending.

Florida — Klan openly revived last month under charter issued in September, 1944. Issued call for "native, Protestant, white Gentiles who believe in America above all."

Mississippi — No open activity and no effort by State to ban the organization. Sen. Bilbo won renomination on "white supremacy" campaign and acknowledged membership in Klan. Cross burnings in Jackson Negro centers reputedly were aimed at frightening Negro workers out of union organizations.

ACTIVE IN CITIES

Tennessee—Klan reported very active in Chattanooga, Knoxville, Cleveland and Maryville areas, aimed mostly at Negroes and Jews.

Louisiana — Accounts indicate that predominately Catholic population of Southern Louisiana has discouraged KKK proselyting.

Alabama — KKK reviving in Birmingham area and has applied for State charter. Governor-Nominate Jim Folsom says the Klan is "not a factor" in State politics, no effort is being made to outlaw it.

Michigan and Minnesota—Signs of Klan revival but no attempt by members to intervene in politics or intimidate minorities. KKK headquarters set up in Detroit and Duluth.

Texas—Recent unconfirmed reports that the Klan is stirring. No open activity.

California—Southern California has become a hot-bed of revived Klan operations. Los Angeles has witnessed a half-dozen cross burnings since May. The KKK has been blamed for burning Negro homes, desecrating Jewish temples and other vandalism.

From other colun

Los Angeles, Calif.

An Organization of Moral Cowards

Royce Brier, 6-1-46 Tribune
San Francisco Chronicle sun.

The Ku Klux Klan as latterly manifested is essentially an organization of moral cowards. There may be an occasional individual on the rolls with the courage to come into the open—a few of the leaders here and there seem unabashed—but for the most part the members prefer an alley fight.

As a matter of fact, a similar moral obloquy attached to the old, historical Klan, but there was a mitigating circumstance. These men were Confederate soldiers who had passed through hellish years of hardship to ruin. Their whole world had crumbled about them, they had lost their moral anchors and they were not themselves. Sat. 6-1-46

Now the modern Klan, that of the 1920's and that forming up today, runs on very piffling fuel compared with the old, historical Klan. It runs on a corrosive and malevolent prejudice in no way comparable to trudging home in abject defeat and finding your house burned, your acts determined by the late enemy and your laws made by strangers. It runs on mere opinions, and usually distorted opinions, as to how self-government should work, and on a false philosophy as to the nature of self-government. It is a welling up in adults of child-tantrum traits, the recoil of the undisciplined child when things don't go exactly his way. Tribune

Take the case of the "KKK" painted on the administration building of the University of Southern California, a couple of fired crosses planted on the campus, one on the lawn of a Jewish fraternity, and some vandalism at a synagogue in Los Angeles. Investigating officers say they believe the campus depredations resulted from "juvenile pranks" rather than Klan action. Los Ang. Calif.

This is the official mind which, if it possibly can, will brand a murder a suicide, because it is less embarrassing in the captain's precinct to have a suicide, and its solution is less work, too.

F. B. I. Investigates Klan Activities In Seven States

The News and Courier Charleston, S. C. Thurs. 8-1-46

Washington, July 31.—(AP): G-men are investigating the Ku Klux Klan in seven states, the justice department disclosed today.

The inquiry, directed by Attorney General Clark, a Texan, is being conducted by the department's civil rights section assisted by the F. B. I. The seven states are: New York, Michigan, Tennessee, Florida, California, Mississippi and Georgia.

The department promised swift criminal prosecution if violations of federal law are uncovered. And if federal statutes do not cover any criminal acts which may be discovered, the evidence will be turned over to state authorities where they request it.

The government is concerned principally with possible violations of federal election laws and of two civil rights statutes. One of these makes it illegal to conspire to deprive a person of his civil rights. The other makes it a federal offense for any state official, such as a deputy sheriff, to use his official power in such a way as to deprive an individual of rights guaranteed by the constitution.

Although the investigation now is confined to seven states, complaints are pouring in from all sections of the country about renewed Klan activities, the department said. It added that this does not necessarily indicate that the hooded order is operating throughout the nation since many complaints from the North and West are directed against alleged Klan activities in the South.

Most of the protests come from individuals, labor unions and civil rights societies. Complaints which name individuals allegedly involved in Klan activities are turned over to the F. B. I. which makes investigations for the civil rights section.

The department said the Klan investigation began several weeks before Clark, in an address at Philadelphia May 18, threatened prosecution of the Klan as a civil liberties foe. Wed 8-1-46

Speaking before the National Conference on citizenship, Clark singled out the Klan as an example of "organized bigotry". He declared that all "federal laws at my command . . . will be enforced to the very limit in stamping out any organization or group which aims at extermination of our priceless civil liberties". Charleston

He asserted that "we must rid ourselves of such things as organized bigotry—and I mean specifically such an excrescence as the Ku Klux Klan". S. C.

The department said its investigation includes two specific complaints of alleged Klan intimidation against negroes.

One involves a Florida city where the Klan allegedly cooperated with certain local officials to prevent negroes from moving into a housing project.

Another asserts that a masked band of white people warned a number of negroes in a Georgia county against voting in the primary there.

Disclosure of the investigation followed closely on New York state's action in dissolving "the Knights and Women of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc." State Supreme Court Justice Joseph A. Gavagan signed the dissolution order Monday on the ground that the organization had obtained a state charter through trickery.

The Outlaws and the Immune

News-Courier

The "National Negro Congress has demanded that the 'Ku Klux Klan' be outlawed", and to the outlawing of assemblages of persons in masks The News and Courier does not object. These "kluxers", parading with their faces hidden and alleged to be a society antagonistic to certain races or sects, lay themselves open to suspicion. If the members of the "National Negro Congress" wore masks in their meetings The News and Courier would propose that they be outlawed. They are not a secret society. When an organized body of unmasked persons make threats against the public order or interfere with other persons who wish to go about their business, they too should be outlawed. The News and Courier has no sympathy with the so-called masked "Ku Klux Klan". Nevertheless, it observes evidences of a concerted attempt to focus attention upon it with the purpose of diverting attention from the behavior of clans (not masked) far more numerous and far more active in violating the common law. In nearly every part of the United States organized societies have been openly, brazenly, intimidating, terrorizing and sometimes assaulting citizens. And not one of these societies has been outlawed or otherwise punished. The News and Courier will not protest against outlawing of this "Klan", of a name stolen from the Ku Klux Klan of the 1860s-70s, but it believes that the demand is write the exemptions in the statutes. The "Ku Klux Klan" and all the lawless Clans should be outlawed or else they should be granted immunity by legislation to commit what formerly were defined as misdemeanors and crimes.

New KKK Rise Meets Opposition

New Orleans, La. Louisiana Weekly

Washington, May 22.—In ancient Scotland a flaming cross was burned on the hill tops to summon the clans to council. In America the symbol has been prostituted. It summons not the stalwart and valiant men of the highlands but the white robed cowards of the Ku Klux Klan. When the Klan rides the ghosts of Hitler and Mussolini smile—fascism is not even dead, even in the country which exterminated the European breed. Hitler and Mussolini could, indeed, soort wide grins this week as the dormant Klan sprung int the headlines with a new found life.

Highlights of recent activities of the KKK was the burning of a 300-foot cross atop Stone Mountain near Atlanta, Ga., celebrating the initiation of over 200 new members. There have been demonstrations recently in Tennessee. Grand Dragon Samuel Green, an Atlanta doctor, has announced that the Klan is currently conducting an organization drive. He boasted of between 40,000 and 50,000 members in Georgia. Green recently flew to Birmingham for a probable secret meeting. Alabama has seen several cross burnings recently. Sat.

In Arlington, Va., a stone's throw from the nation's capital, fascists applied to Klan headquarters for a charter.

But the right thinking people throughout the country, in the south as well as the north, are strongly condemning the rejuvenated Klan. Attorney General Tom Clark, speaking before an "I Am an American" Day audience in Philadelphia, said he would use every power at his command to stamp out the Klan and other like organizations. He won't have to do much if he is sincere, since a U. S. court disbanded the organization for non-payment of some $600,000 in corporate taxes way back in the late twenties.

In California the state district attorney has announced his intention to break up the Klan, which has been increasingly active on the coast. 5-25-46

In the grand dragon's home state the Klan has entered into the race for governor and has been attacked by out-going Governor Arnall. One of the candidates, former Gov. E. D. Rivers, an ex-supreme lecturer of the KKK, has not cleared his stand on white supremacy, the Klan's by-word, and will probably lose their support. James Carmichael, another candidate, who has violently attacked the Klan, has already lost their indorsement for his refusal to support the supremacy issue, according to a Klan source. The third candidate, ex-Governor Talmadge, has been reported to have openly asked for the support of the hooded race haters. He is the only candidate to make an issue of not wanting Negroes to vote.

The white press has also been attacking the Klan. The most significant example is an editorial in the Knoxville (Tenn.) News-Sentinel, following the conclave on Stone Mountain. Klan members were called suckers and the organization was likened to Hitler's Brown Shirts and Mussolini's Black Shirts. "If Klan activities were confined to fleecing a few thousand suckers," the editorial said, "it would not be so outrageous. But its history is one of muder, rape, thievery, prostitution of public trust and mob violence of the worst kind."

Time magazine, one of the most respected and objective publications in the country, devoted a good deal of space to the nefarious activties of the Klan in its last issue. 5-25-46

The whole trend of reaction against the Klan is evidence of an awakened nation. The Klan cannot live in a society where intelligence, right thinking and justice prevail.

White Herring

Washington Times-Herald p. 5 6-1-46

When the House Committee on Un-American Activities bites the Ku Klux Klan—that will be news indeed. Of course, the committee hasn't yet shown any real disposition to bite the Klan; one or two of its members have merely indulged in a little amiable barking. Representative Gerald W. Landis, for example, says, "The committee has not voted as yet to undertake a full-fledged investigation. But we've received some complaints about it (that is, about the KKK) so our investigators are going down there to see what's behind the revival." Goodness gracious, anything can happen in this topsy-turvy universe of ours. Sat. 6/1/46

Washington, D.C. Saturday Star 6-1-46

Now, who in the world could have complained to the Committee on Un-American Activities about the KKK? Does the Klan not stand for white supremacy? Is the Klan not opposed to aliens, Jews and Catholics? Does the Klan not proclaim itself to be 101 per cent pro-American? Since when has the Committee on Un-American Activities come to think of such attitudes as un-American? It must be that vicious rumor-mongers have been whispering sly charges that the Klan has abandoned its bigotry. Or is it merely that the committee considers the Klan a convenient white herring to drag across the trail of its regular red-baiting?

HITLER'S POLICE?

Birmingham News

Recently the childish demonstrations of a dormant Ku Klux Klan became evident in and around Birmingham and Atlanta. To a great majority of Southerners the evidences of an awakening of the Klan pours salt into old wounds that had partially healed during the years of the war when the K. K. K. was evidently just asleep instead of entirely dead as was fervently hoped. 5-23-46-Th

The Klan hasn't done anything of a violent nature as yet, but the eight flaming crosses that were reported around Birmingham during the last of March were an indication that potential lynchings and other shameful acts of so-called justice were not at all an impossibility.

B'ham, Ala.

As so many clear-headed thinkers have tried to bring out since we entered World War II, if we were fighting against one definite thing in the war, it was not a certain country or group of countries, but a beast, a way of thinking that had come to a prominent head in the axis governments. This way of thinking used brute strength to enforce what the leaders consider justice and instills mortal fear of unmentionable torture to control any group, racial, religious or otherwise.

Birmingham Ala.

To sacrifice the country's youth and wealth to combat that sort of thing on one hand, and to turn around and take no stand against its existence at home, where it can do so much more harm, on the other hand, is unthinkable. Poe once said in effect that no end, regardless of how desirable, could possibly justify itself if that end was not brought about in a manner that was just. The Klan has never used humane means of attaining its ends.—Cullman Banner.

THE REVIVING KLAN

The Courier Journal Louisville, Ky. Savannah, Ga.

The casual read of history, especially that phase of it which covers the period subsequent to the War Between the States, knows the history of the Ku Klux Klan, its origin, its record of violence which was so inhuman so wantonly callous, so wreckless of human life, that it is sickened even many of those whom it was designed to defend. Its operations at first were aimed at killing the aspirations of the most powerless people in the country, the ex-slaves, and were against any persons who sought to encourage these aspirations. It eventually turned its operations against other persons who dared to exercise the right of free speech and the right to have an opinion contrary to that of the bigoted and irrational purposes of the Klan. The reasons given for the organization of the Klan still exist. The new hope of Negroes of coming into a larger exercise of citizenship rights, encouraged by the advocacy of those rights by such persons as Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Mr. Henry Wallace and many other persons North and South, by the liberalism of the late President, by such groups as the CIO the NAACP and The Southern Conference For Human Welfare, The Federal Council of Churches, and the Supreme Court decisions. The introduction of Federal Bills for the abolition of the poll tax and for the FEPC and the very natural expectatio n of returning Negro soldiers, furnish additional reason for the revival of the Klan which was ably abetted by the subtle suggestion of certain Southern newspapers. Those who honestly believe in the rights and privileges inherent in democracy deplore the attempt to revive the Klan, because the reasons for it are the efforts to make democracy functional for more than thirteen million people, who bear a just share of the burden of government of the country for which they fought, bled and died. Southern newspapers can not show their sincerity in opposing the Klan by rationalizing about the reasons for its revival, by condoning it. 5-25-46

Cowards in Nightshirts

Atlanta white ministers attacked the KKK in their sermons the other Sunday. The nightshirt boys who held the cross burning ceremonies at Stone Mountain a few weeks ago were referred to by ministers of all denominations as "un-American," "uh-Christian" and "unsportsmanlike" and their nightshirts were termed "the cloak of a coward."

One minister said a mask is not symbolic of courage.

U. S. Atty. Gen. Tom Clark has also let it be known that he will be ready to prosecute the first time he finds the Kluxers violating the Federal statutes. 6-1-46

General Tom means it too. After all, the FBI got Garvey, didn't it? The minute the KKK boys start taking in money for dues the Federal government is likely to be on their necks.

We hope that the people of Atlanta, however, are not going to wait for ministers and the Attorney General of the U.S. to deal the night riders their final blow. Out of all the Georgia boys who went to war some one or two of them must have brought back a hand grenade, a machine pistol, or a machine gun. The first time the KKK gets a good dose of lead it will be willing to disband forever.

We notice that the Klan revival comes at a time when colored people are registering and voting in unprecedented numbers in the South.

Walter Winchell On Broadway

The Shame of a Nation

The Ku Klux Klan has been the Vulture of America for almost a century. When the nation is wounded by war or shaken with unrest, it swoops down upon America in an effort to devour our way of life. The Klan infection has been stemmed—but like a chronic plague it has never been eradicated. It is one enemy that has engaged in continual warfare against America since the Civil War. Its ally is hatred. Its weapon is terror. And its aim is the destruction of our democracy.

Only the Buchenwald butcheries have matched the sadistic crimes committed by Kluxers. Their bloody history is a throwback to medieval cruelties. They have murdered and tortured. They have mutilated their victims and branded them with acid. The Klan has even slit the throats of some of their own members who objected to the unspeakable savagery.

The Klan runs like a bloody thread through the noose every subversive outfit was eager to wrap around America's neck. Hooded goons goose-stepped with Bundists. The liaison man between the Bund and Klan was pro-Nazi Edward James Smythe, indicated as a seditionist. In Aug., 1940, Bundist and Klansmen made their odious romance public at Bund Camp Nordland. August Klapprott, the Bund leader, barked at that time: "When Arthur Bell, your Grand Giant, asked us about using Camp Nordland for this patriotic meeting, we decided to let them have it because of the common bond between us. The principles of the Bund and the principles of the Klan are the same."

Many of those indicted as seditionists and Bundists whooped it up with the Klan. Yet the Government's triumphant battle against the Bund was never followed up with a fight against the Klan—although the Klan was as much a part of the Bund as Fitz Kuhn. And today the resurgent Klan is trying to finish what the Bund started. Destroying the Bund and ignoring the Klan is comparable to licking the German Army and then not doing anything about the Gestapo.

Donald Shea's nefarious activities were frequently tossed into the public arena by this reporter. The Army barred Shea from America's eastern sector because he was considered a danger to the nation's security. Shea once threatened to lynch legislators who voted for lend-lease. And the greater part of Shea's rabble-rousing career was devoted to spouting speeches at KKK meetings.

Don't get the idea Kluxers have support only among bush-league trouble-makers. Before the war they held a gigantic rally at Rockford, Ill., attended by 50,000 Klansmen. The principal speaker was Sen. C. Wayland Brooks.

The Klan isn't exclusively a Dixie disease. It has thrived in many Northern localities. Remember the infamous Black Legion (in the Midwest) with its arson squads, flogging squads and death squads? It was composed of Klunatics. Another Klan-inspired gang was the National Workers League in Detroit. This notorius outfit spread Nazi propaganda, slowed up war production and helped incite that city's riot. The leaders of NWL were indicted, charged with inciting a riot—and two have also been indicted on sedition charges. But for strange reasons they were never put on trial for inciting the riot. As for the sedition indictment—the evidence of that case occupies Washington's largest pigeon-hole.

The Klan has operated in typical gangster manner. The murders in one town were always committed by Kluxers of a nearby burg. And while the murder was being committed the local Klansmen made themselves conspicuous in public—in order to plant an alibi.

The KKK dupes chumps by wahooing about its patriotism. Its bigotry is directed against "foreigners." But the Klan has played footsie with foreigners—Germans . . . Before the war, Baron Manfred Freiherr (Nazi Consul General of San Francisco) hatched a fantastic Nazi revolutionary plot. He organized and financed dozens of pro-Nazi outfits with lily-white titles. The Klan spearheaded the Nazi conspiracy—and one of the leaders involved in the plot was George Deatherage. The Bund and Silver Shirts were part of this attempted putsch. Deatherage is indicted as a seditionist and was a member of the nightshirt stinkers.

The current Klan mobsters deny they are aping the "old" Klan tactics. They would have you believe that they are only concerned with justice. But their idea of justice would make a gargoyle wince. Only a few weeks ago it was reported that a gang of Klansmen in Dalton (Georgia) flogged several young boys.

The Klan has always been an invisible empire with its own despotic laws and sadistic justice. Kluxers considered themselves above the laws of the land and always behaved like they were at war with America. Anyone who joined their outfit was never allowed to leave it alive. If they caught any "spies" at their meetings—they were promptly executed.

Eugene Talmadge is the ex-Georgia Governor who is now once again running for that office. Talmadge is a rabid rabble-rouser who has made bigotry his profession. He has always denied any connection with the Klan. But Talmadge organized an outfit called "Vigilantes, Inc." The leaders of this group worked closely with the Klan. Among those who recruited members for "Vililantes, Inc." was F. Lee Evans. Who is Evans? He is the Georgia Klan's Imperial Kligrapp.

Anyone who believes that the Kluxer threat is unimportant is unaware of the Klan's history. At one time the Klan was so powerful—it was instrumental in choosing Presidential candidates!

Here is the bitterest irony of all: The Klan's original charter states: "This is an institution of chivalry, humanity, mercy and patriotism, embodying in all its genius and its princples all that is chivalric in conduct, noble in sentiment, generous in brotherhood and patriotic in purpose."

Cong. Rankin has recoiled in horror at the report his committee plans probing the Klan. The Dies Committee also turned the other way when it was presented with evidence revealing Klan subversion. The best-seller, "Under Cover," quotes a Klan leader as stating a prominent member of the Dies Committee was a Klansman.

Flaming Crosses Do Not Excite

(From the East Tennessee News, Knoxville, Tenn.)

ASIDE FROM THE FIRE hazard arising when disciples of the Ku Klux Klan engage in their nefarious practices, by stationing flaming crosses on public and private properties over different sections of our land, and the curiosity that arises in the minds of decent and law abiding citizens as to what individuals are concealed behind the peak-topped white coveralls worn by the Klansmen, the average citizen against whom the Klan's program is directed is not at all excited over the renewed depredations of the iniquitous order.

There was a time when a fear and consternation similar to the mythical goblin-like activities of fairy tale relations, arose in the breasts of superstitious, ignorant Negroes, but, as Columnist George Schuyler, of the Pittsburg Courier, recently opined, Negroes are not at all afraid of the sheet-like garb and flaming crosses.

However, there is an insidious propaganda rampant in the program of the Klan that warrants alarm among those groups toward whom the Klan venom is directed. The secrecy that surrounds Klan affiliation, and veiled operation of the organization's members in not only seeking to intimidate certain minority groups, but designed to impede their progress in every possible way, is definitely the most dangerous and threatening phase of the program of the organization.

The deceitful attitude of the Klan is one of the reasons why the secret conduct of the organization should be curbed by our city, state and national law enforcement officers. The groups against whom the Klan program is directed can easily fall victims of the intentionally directed slip of the surgeon's knife in the hands of a Klansman; the property of some group member against whom the Klansman; has taken oath to destroy, could easily be damaged by the well directed hate of some mechanic who has taken the oath of the hooded order; and there are hundreds of ways that the Klan members can get in their dirty work toward persons who incur their disfavor.

Those of the anti-Klan groups who do not entertain fear and alarm over the ruthless depredations and insidious undercover program of the KKK are wholly unmindful of their own welfare.

The fearless, outspoken denunciation, coupled with his expressed determination to put a stop to the KKK activities in Georgia, on the part of Governor Arnall and Candidate for Governor Carmichael, of Georgia, is welcomed by all law abiding citizens throughout the land and is sufficient indication that the power of rightful attitudes on the part of representative and vigorous public officials will prevail, despite the efforts of selfish propagandists.

Too, renewed and strengthened faith in Christianity of our white churches is apparent as leading Baptist ministers of Knoxville denounced the program of the KKK and such organizations in no uncertain terms at their meeting last week. These fearless and outspoken religious leaders, com-

Klan Revival Blamed On 'Vested Interests'

NEW YORK, Sept. 6—(AP)—Malcolm Cotton Dobbs, of Birmingham, James A. Dombrowski, administrator for the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, says the "great majority of southern white people" are opposed to the Ku Klux Klan.

Coupling "reactionary plantation owners and industrialists who have no use for democracy," Dobbs claimed that these are fighting to maintain "white supremacy as the slogan of the Democratic Party in the South.

Another speaker, Clark Foreman, brought into the conference's New York meeting, called upon American ties in Georgia, to "face the facts and abandate for Governor Carmichael, of Georgia, is welcomed by all law abiding citizens throughout the land and is sufficient indication that the power of rightful attitudes on the part of representative and vigorous public officials will prevail, despite the efforts of selfish propagandists.

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City committee last night.

Asserting that the need of the "leadership in this South today was "leading fight against insipid fascism in America," Dobbs blamed Klan resurgence on "vested interests."

KKK (General)

BILL MAULDIN'S CARTOON

"Go home, Junior. You're making me look silly."

UNEARTH KLAN ACTIVITIES IN CALIFORNIA—Ben Carter (left), Hollywood actor, has filed a damage suit against a Big Bear California cabin owner, a sheriff, and other members of what he described as a mob, charging that they forcibly evicted him and a companion from their quarters last year. The actor has identified member of the "mob" who since have been accused of Klan activities by Atty. Gen. Robert W. Kenny. Ray J. Schneider (right) is said to have admitted to the Attorney General last week that he was a Kleagle of the Klan in Los Angeles County.—Cutler Photos.

RALPH McGILL

A Sucker Gets on the 'Phone

This sucker called me up.

"You wrote a piece about the Ku Klux Klan," he said. "You said it was for suckers."

"It is," I said, "for suckers and weak-kneed politicians."

"I am not a sucker," he said. "You may need the Klan yourself to protect you some day."

"Protect me from what?"

"You know what."

"I don't know what."

"From the Negro threat."

"Bunk."

"All right. I've been a member for 20 years and I know. You'll be waited on one of these nights."

"If I am, I will expect the law and the police to protect me," I said. "Not a lot of ignorant or deluded persons who have been milked of 10 hard-earned dollars to make some promoter rich. The law of my country is good enough for me."

"You'll see."

"Have you ever needed protection in these 20 years you've been a member?"

"No, but—"

"Then you are a sucker."

He hung up.

Who Joins I am perfectly aware that a good many well-meaning, but uninformed and fearful persons join the Klan. They never seem to see through the speeches made by the organizers about how the Klan will "protect them." The Klan organizers, hot after that easy money that is their share of every sucker's contribution, really pour it on. I can understand how people who really don't know about things get taken in.

There are others who join. They are the fearful, minor politicians. Many of them are quite frank about it. They know the Klan is ridiculous and dangerous in its objectives. But for $10 a politician may buy off that much potential opposition. So, the easy-going politicians join up.

Now and then some preacher who can't make the grade joins up. He is akin to those who can't make sense preaching Christianity and who must always be having a campaign against beer or movies or playing bridge. They can't draw, or hold, a congregation preaching Christ, so they preach beer or the Klan or go off on some sensational tangent.

Test You can put this down—any preacher in the Klan has quit Christ and the Christian principles and gone off after the ideals of the Nazi storm troopers. Some of the German preachers did that. Some didn't. Some died and went to prison rather than go the easy way and join the Hitler Klavern of the German KKK.

The Klan is dangerous to any community. It is especially dangerous to small communities. It is a cancer in any community, infecting law enforcement and the smaller courts.

Murder It is not at all unusual that most of the known Klan leaders should be in jail or recently released from penitentiaries. It is like Naziism. It must go on from excess to excess to keep its suckers satisfied. We saw some little of it in Atlanta's recent fiasco when a small crowd turned out for the KKK gathering at Stone Mountain. A couple of thugs beat up two photographers. The Klan had no more right on the mountain than anyone else. Yet it took to violence. Ike Gaston was murdered a few years ago in East Point. Others were flogged. That is always the way of the beginning. It was the way with the German Nazis.

It is not mere coincidence that the KKK membership should show a majority with police records ranging from drunk and disorderly conduct to assault with intent. It attracts that sort of people. As well as some fearful persons who somehow get a thrill out of wearing a mask and a robe.

This un-Christian, corrupt organization which was spawned in the twenties, has no more kinship or relationship with the old Klan of the Reconstruction Days than a buzzard has with a blue bird. Nathan Bedford Forrest dissolved the old Klan because it

Dixie Rivalry of Klan Draws CIO Defiance

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., May 16—(AP)—Van A. Bittner, Director of the CIO organizing drive in the South, declared Thursday that "if we can't lick the Ku Klux Klan the CIO might just as well quit forever."

Bittner, assistant to Philip Murray, President of CIO United Steel Workers, told the Union's third biennial convention that the Klan was organizing to defeat the CIO in its efforts to unionize Southern workers.

"We thrive on opposition," Bittner said in support of a convention-adopted resolution pledging the steel workers to back the CIO campaign in the South.

The steel workers already have contributed $200,000 to the campaign which Murray said now has a $1,250,000 fund.

A CIO leader's assertion that the Ku Klux Klan was organized to defeat the union in its efforts to organize Southern labor by Dr. Samuel Green, Georgia Dragon, the Association has never fought organized labor," said Dr. Green, "always fought Communism and so long as the CIO with Communists, the Klan will fight.

"The Klan has thousands of CIO members among its own members, and naturally we are not pulling any fight on the brand of labor known as the CIO."

The Veteran and the K.K.K.

In adding hatreds, the K.K.K. "100 per cent Americanism" and adopt the "200 per cent Americanism" of Carl Sandburg's favorite story:

Two barbers in a small town had trade about evenly divided between them. One joined the Klan and placed a sign in his shop window reading "100 per cent American." He began to receive a lion's share of the business. In a few days the second barber placed a sign in his window: "200 per cent American." His business boomed. After a few days the first went and angrily asked, "How do you get that '200 per cent American' stuff?" "Well."

Here is a thought for any sap tempted to join the K.K.K. All you receive in return for your $10 is the doubtful right to prance around in a bed sheet and the contempt of all decent people.

THOMAS L. HOLLEMAN.
Paducah, Ky.

RALPH McGILL

Atlanta, Ga.

The K. K. K. Is Hitler Stuff

Constitution

I trust the FBI is keeping an eye on the Ku Klux Klan, promoters of which are out beating the bushes for suckers who will pay them $10 each, a net of $8 going to the brother who brings in the suckers. This $8 explains the passionate zeal of the solicitors who go around throwing scares into as many boobs as possible. Very often the promoters make as much, even in these days of slim pickings, as $100 a week.

They live very well, eating steaks and wearing expensive suits. They are quite proud of their suckers and keep them needled up by holding meetings and assuring them they are saving their country and themselves from the menace of the Pope of Rome, the Negroes, Communists and Jews. The fact that they have to explain, locally, that the Rome they are talking about is one of those foreign countries and not Rome, Ga., is a complete characterizer of about two-thirds of their membership.

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Suckers But, anyhow, the promoters who get the $10 from the suckers are working hard and this makes us hope the FBI is in on the know. As I guess they are. The outfit is disbanded, theoretically, to escape federal action, and its top boys shut up shop and left town. It was a hard choice to quit living in ease off sucker money and go back to making a living like anyone else, but they are supposed to be trying it. Their lieutenants haven't quit.

Anyhow, there are weekly meetings of the boobs and their betters, who milk them for small change as dairymen milk cows. It is done in and by the name of the Ku Klux Klan and I hope the U. S. District Attorney in each State will have a look.

They don't amount to much. They are a low-grade lot generally, with a few exceptions in the top brackets where the living is easy. They have been "practicing" a few runs to see how quick they can reach East Point's group, some of their taxicab members supplying the cabs and gas, neither of which was theirs to supply. They have relatively few members who attend meetings, five of which are held in our area. Three other groups meet in smaller Georgia communities.

Hoodlums They have a couple of booby hatches in Birmingham, replete with the Night Hawk, Kilgrap, Kleagle, Wizards, and so on. Knoxville, Tenn., has a couple and adjoining Maryville another. Chattanooga, Tenn., has a couple.

The Tennessee chapters are reported to be the very best of all, ones in which the other boys take great pride. In Tennessee they have managed to get more downright hoodlums in membership than anywhere else, although I would not wish you to think they are not trying in other places.

In Tennessee they follow, as elsewhere, the Hitler SS storm trooper methods. The brave hoodlums so intimidated a lone, poor Jewish woman who had had the audacity to start a small store in Redbank, a suburb of Chattanooga, that they scared her right out of the community and burned a big cross to celebrate their Christian manhood. The Klan, it must be kept in mind, was very friendly with the German bund in the East up to the time of the war.

They are manly fellows, good at burning crosses and scaring people. Burning the Christian cross is one of their most ironical deeds. I often have wondered at the psychology of it. For some reason it pleases them as a child is pleased to be shown a toy.

Not Christian You can put it down that no real Christian can be a member of the KKK. It just isn't possible. The Klan stands not for Americanism but for the Hitler technique of a secret organization which can carry on violence against individuals. That promoters, to make money for themselves, should inspire men to violence in the name of Christians, is revolting.

It is Hitlerism exactly as Adolf planned it. It tries to attract policemen, deputy sheriffs and others in any official capacity. So did Hitler. This is dangerous because it means law enforcement is partially corrupted and degraded.

I do think the police commission ought to order policemen not to attend meetings in uniform, as they have been doing. Pictures have been made of them. The new film which permits taking pictures at night without lights is wonderful.

Miami Acts In Miami the Christian ministers have denounced the Klan. So have the civic clubs of that city. They were anxious it be known the KKK is neither Christian nor Protestant.

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The same action should be taken in every State and community. That a lot of hoodlum Hitler-like storm troopers should burn a Christian cross and claim Christianity is obscene and sacrilegious and all of us ought to join in so saying.

The Klan is just a skeleton organization, but its promoters are sweating and trying. No courage is required to denounce Hitlerism. It isn't important whether Hitler is dead. What is important is that his philosophy be dead. It isn't.

The Klan stands for a revival of all Hitler stood for. Let's all recognize that fact and say so in so many words.

No Place Nor Need For Klan

Atlanta Daily World Atlanta, Ga.

There is widespread apprehension that the Ku Klux Klan will once again rise up to a commanding position and influence in this country. There is no place in Georgia, in the South nor in the Nation, for such an organization. There is no place in this country for any sort of secret organization whose sole purpose is to exploit ignorance by manufacturing hate and prejudice. We rather fully agree with one of our local editors that the Klan is Hitler stuff.

The Supreme Court of New York recently banned all corporations using the names "Knights and Women of the Ku Klux Kan, Inc." Attorney Nathaniel L. Goldstein, who instigated the case, said he had evidence that the Ku Klux Klan was being re-activated and that its approach was against labor. "In my judgment," he said, "this proceeding is of urgent public concern," he told the court. "This organization is a constant menace and its existence should not and must not be tolerated." Sun. 5-12-46

What the state of New York has done by law other states, especially in the South where there is enough hate already, should proceed to do at once. For in these stirring times all of our forces, of whatever race, color or creed, must unite our efforts to secure harmony and goodwill. The states can prevent the Klan from operating. They should do so.

Arnall Moves To Oust KKK From Georgia

PM, New York, N.Y.
Sun. 5-21-46

By James T. Howard

What looks like a finish fight between Gov. Ellis Arnall and the newly revived Ku Klux Klan was forming up in Georgia, reputed birthplace of the nightshirt fraternity. Arnall disclosed that he had asked the State Attorney General for a ruling on what could "be done legally" to outlaw the Klan, which recently was incorporated with a charter to do business in Georgia.

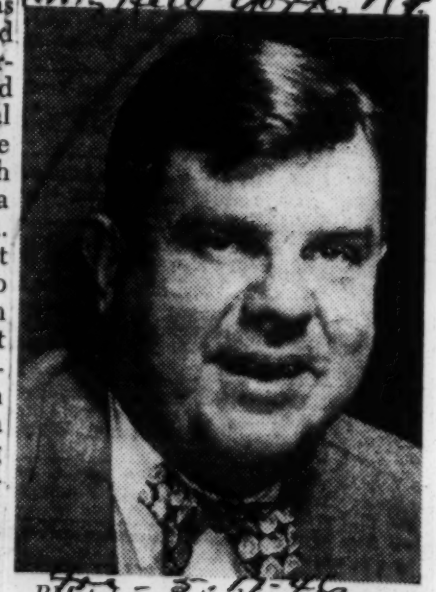
"Something will be done about it," promised the Governor, who said the name of Georgia had been "brought into ridicule" by recent Klan antics on historic Stone Mountain, where 500 hooded Klansmen held an initiation and created a huge Fiery Cross by sticking torches into crevices on the mountainside.

They can't take our charter away legally," protested Dr. Samuel Green, of Atlanta, Grand Dragon of the new Klan, who dreams of creating another National KKK like the one that harassed the U. S. A. in the early '20s Sun. 5-21-46

Meanwhile, in Los Angeles, a cross was burned on the lawn of a Jewish fraternity house, and vandals, moved by the Klan spirit, raided Temple Israel to tear up a sacred Hebrew torah scroll which Rabbi Max Nussbaum smuggled out of Germany in 1938 for safekeeping in the democratic U. S. A.

Hats Off!

PM, New York, N.Y.



PM takes off its hat today to Attorney General Robert W. Kenny of California for his exposure of renewed activities of the Ku Klux Klan and his prompt decision to take legal action against the hate organization. Although he cannot prevent persons from joining the organization, he warned he would demand that the Superior Court ban its corporate existence. "If these bigots try to collect dues, they're going to run into trouble," he added. This is one more public service added to Kenny's long liberal record. Tri. 5-17-46

Goldstein Says Demarest Is Unfit to Hold Public Office'

PM, New York, N.Y.
Sun-5-7-46

Horace A. Demarest, Deputy Commissioner of Motor Vehicles for Queens County, was fired yesterday, after an investigation revealed he had been one of the incorporators of Alpha Pi Sigma in 1923, an outfit that changed its name two years later to The Knights and Women of the Ku Klux Klan.

Nathaniel L. Goldstein, New York State Attorney General, who conducted the investigation, announced:

"I have come to the conclusion that Horace A. Demarest is unfit to hold public office."

State Ban

Goldstein began court action last week to have the Klan banned in New York State. He said that L. Miller Clark and J. Archibald Wilson, president and secretary respectively of the Klan at the time the charter was granted, had not been located by his investigators. But if no one appears to contest the suit, the Supreme Court will revoke the charter in about six weeks.

Goldstein charged Demarest with refusing to cooperate in answering questions regarding his past and present interest in the Klan. The dismissal was announced by Motor Vehicles Commissioner Clifford J. Fletcher upon recommendation of Alger B. Chapman, Commissioner of Taxation and Finance.

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Threats

Goldstein said the investigation showed numerous Klan threats and intimidations against Negroes, Jews and labor unions.

The National Ku Klux Klan was reported disbanded at a secret convention in Atlanta on April 23, 1944. However, at the time, James A. Colescott, Klan Imperial Wizard, said:

"This does not mean that the Klan is dead. We have authority to meet and reincarnate at any time."

This Morning

By JOHN TEMPLE GRAVES

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Birmingham News

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Thurs. 3-28-46

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The call logs at the Birmingham Police Department and the sheriff's office last night showed no calls reporting burned crosses.

Ewing Says Klan to Affect Indiana Vote

The American Baltimore, Md.

NEW YORK (ANP).—The Ku Klux Klan will have "a big affect" in the coming Indiana Congressional elections, Oscar R. Ewing, vice-chairman of the Democratic National Committee, predicted to news reporters here last week. Sat-7-23-4

Just returned from a tour of Democratic headquarters, Ewing said he was shocked to find the Klan viciously at work in Indiana. He also reported activity in Illinois and Ohio, but not in Wisconsin.

Fiery Cross Burns At U. Of Oklahoma

Chicago Defender 1st.

NORMAN, Okla.—A fiery cross, trademark of the Ku Klux Klan, was burned this week in the University of Oklahoma Campus, following closely recent efforts of the NAACP to force authorities to admit a Negro girl to the university law school. 3-9-46

School officials declined to comment, pending an investigation. One theory linked the burning cross with the NAACP's action, while another was that the act was a prank of a secret society outlawed in 1936 after a series of hazing incidents. Sat.

CROSSES BURNED IN TERROR EPISODES

Pittsburgh Courier

[Special to The Pittsburgh Courier]

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—The Ku Klux Klan is riding again in East Tennessee. Pa.

Burning crosses — a score or more—have been seen in Knoxville, Chattanooga, and other cities of East Tennessee, particularly in the foothills section of the Great Smoky Mountains.

Anonymous telephone calls purporting to be those of klansmen, have advised the press that "this is it." Sat.

POLICE INVESTIGATE BURNING OF CROSSES

Latest of the episodes were staged Tuesday night in Knoxville, where firemen were called to extinguish burning crosses within the corporate limits. A police investigation is still in progress.

Revival of the klan was suspected here a month ago when burning crosses were seen on several mountain promontories overlooking Knoxville, a city of 207,000. The initial post-war appearance of the burning cross preceded by but a few days the major race riot at Columbia, in which two Negroes were killed. 3-30-46

Creating new speculation some ten days ago was an open membership solicitation by the American Fellowship Club, with objectives admittedly like those of the Ku Klux Klan. Listed objectives included "white supremacy, race segregation, pure white womanhood," etc. 3-30-46

BURN CROSS ON DOWNTOWN STREET

Most brazen of the acts of the Klan was the burning of a huge cross in the middle of Market Street, Chattanooga's busy downtown thoroughfare. A car stopped in the middle of the street in plain view of late afternoon shoppers just at dusk, a lone figure stepped out with a cross mounted on a pedestal, set it up in the middle of the street and touched it off. He drove away without being apprehended by police.

Knoxville firemen Tuesday night were called to a point near Virginia Avenue and Walnut Street in the Twenty-third Ward to extinguished a huge burning cross.

"It was in a lot about fifty feet from the street," said a fireman. "It was about eighteen feet high and twelve feet across. It was made of seven-inch, logs wrapped in cotton and soaked in oil." 3-30-46

FOLLOW TRADITION

Before any reports of the burning crosses had reached police or firemen Tuesday night, an unidentified man called the office of The Knoxville Journal.

"Two fiery crosses were burned in Knoxville tonight," he said, "One at about 7:30 in the 400 block of Central Avenue, and another thirty-foot cross near Western Avenue about 8 o'clock." 3-30-46

A reporter asked the caller to identify himself. Sat.

"I am a klansman," he answered.

The cross-burning incidents have taken place during the Klan's traditional "full of the moon."

Klan Revived In California As Cross-Burning Is Told

Courier Journal, Louisville, Ky.

Sun. 4-7-46

Los Angeles, April 6.—State Attorney General Robert W. Kenny disclosed today that the Ku Klux Klan has been revived in an isolated mountain resort community and announced he had subpoenaed the Township's constable "to report on the state of law enforcement" in his district.

Kenny said his investigators quoted a cafe owner in Big Bear Valley, lake retreat area in the San Bernardino Mountains 100 miles east of here, as saying:

"We burned a couple of crosses. It brought results. It stopped the sale of at least one property."

He added that members of a minority racial group had been ordered to leave the valley.

"The worst thing that could happen in Southern California, with unemployment prospects and racial tension, would be revival of the Klan," the attorney general declared, adding:

"We intend to smash the organization before it gets started."

Kenny announced that among those questioned was a Lancaster, Cal., minister, whom he identified as a follower of Gerald L. K. Smith.

He quoted the minister as asserting in a speech:

"The Klan is here in Bear Valley to stay. We intend to form restrictive covenants here and elsewhere in order to hold the line of pure Americanism."

Fiery Cross Burned At 11th Street In Chattanooga, Tenn.

Atlanta Daily World

Atlanta, Ga.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN. (SNS)—A fiery cross was burned in the middle of Market Street near the corner of Tenth Street, Friday Feb. 22, 1946 about 9 p. m. The burning attracted hundreds of curiosity seekers. Some people the reporter talked to said they saw the blaze and thought it was an automobile on fire, but upon arriving at the scene, found that it was a fiery cross. Sat. 3-2-46

About half a dozen policemen in uniform were at the scene of the burning which was directly in front of the Greyhound Bus Terminal, and kept traffic moving as best they could. One colored man who was attracted to the scene is reported to have been attacked by three white men armed with pistols, because he had his hands in his pockets. They asked him what he was doing with his hands in his pockets, he replied "They are my pockets." The colored man said he was struck several times by the men with drawn pistols, put in a car and carried to the county jail where he was charged with being drunk. He paid a fine the next day in Session Court for the same.

The victim is a recent discharged soldier, having served several years in the European Theatre of War. He has been out of the service less than two months, and wishes his name to be withheld for the present.

It is said that the KKK organization sponsored the burning.

KKK Burns Crosses Again In Knoxville, Tennessee

Nashville, March 12.—His elevation of the intrinsic value of man regardless of his status, color or otherwise.

It claims to be a true exponent of "true Americanism," but forgets that America is made up of heterogeneous national and racial groups, and is a nation which has obligated itself to live according to constitutional and statutory law. The Klan would take the law in its own hands, make its own rules of action, and operate as a minority group in defiance of the law established, and in accordance with its own views.

Such an organization, too impatient to wait on "due process of law," is anarchy in action. It thrives on ignorance, intolerance, prejudice, and hate. More than ever, American citizens, who are really "loyal" to our nation again. America today has no place for it. The world has no place for it. Such an organization cannot be justified on any reasonable, democratic or Christian foundations.

Living Today

By ARLIE B. DAVIDSON

THE KU KLUX KLAN

Montgomery Advertiser

It is with deep regret that one sees indications of revival or reorganization known as the historic organization of the Ku Klux' Klan. The crosses and the distribution of application blanks take this out of the realm of activity only as "a Klansman." The Klan's imagination. The American people as a whole had hoped that such an organization would never project itself again in this section which preceded the mob outbreak in Columbia.

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KKK ON MARCH IN FLA. & GA.

"Almost as though there has been no war fought for the rights of man, the Ku Klux Klan it pitting nenghbor against neighbor, race against race and religion against religion, according to the Miami Herald of March 28. .Warning the community of indications that mark a renewal of cross burning and pillaging by white hoded figures riding through the night, the upper declares that 'local bigots are busy pumping life into the organizational zombie, J. B. Gordon Klan No. 5."

Gordon Klan was "dead these many years while men got on with the business of forging a better world," the paper says.

Although baned by federal court order against national organization, last week there was evidence in Georgia and Alabama as well as Florida that the Klan was rising again. Registration of the local Klan as "fraternal" organization was accomplished in Atlanta, formerly national headquarters, and burning croses were observed in and near Birmingham.

James A. Colescott, former imperial wizard, now working in Miami as a veterinarian, declared he knew nothing of the renewed activity. He described the registration in Atlanta as insignificant. "The registration fee is paid each year, but the organization is dormant, as far as I know," he said. Colescott was Klan head for almost six years after he succeeded Hiram W. Evans of Indiana.

Despite Colescott's denial of the knowledge of Klan activity, a large sign on Highway 26, just outside Miami, reads: "K. K. K. welcomes you. J. B. Gordon Klan No. 5, P. O. Box 337, Glenwood Heights, Miami, Fla." Reactivation of the Klan also is shown in the membership application, which bears the title of "Ku Klux Klan of Florida, Incorporated."

Florida Secretary of State, R. A. Gray reported last week that his records reveal that the Florida Klan rose from its grave by incorporation on Sept. 7, 1944. County records show that a $6 state fee was paid for posting of the signs.

Officials of the FBI report they are watching Klan movements, but can take action only if the hoded members begin inter-state activity.

GA. REGISTERS KU KLUX AS 'FRATERNAL' ORDER

ATLANTA. — (ANP)—The "Knights of the Ku Klux Klan" was officialy registered here last week on state record as a corporation engaged in "fraternal" activities. Registration was accomplished upon payment of a fee of 50 cents, the same required under Georgia law since 1940 for corporations doing busines with the state.

Dr. Samuel Green, Georgia Klan Dragon, said the Klan was not required to register as a new corporation because it had never relinquished a charter granted here in 1916. He said:

"A great many persons thought the Klan had folded up, but that is not so. It had always held its charter."

A registration form, filed along with payment of the fee, listed James A. Colescott, known as the imperial wizard, as president of the Klan. Colescott, formerly a resident of Atlanta, now is a veterinarian in Miami. Morgan Belser, attorney, listed as secretary, was reported to be in Jacksonville on business last week.

According to reports, Atlanta, national headquarters of the Klan for many years, gave way to a secret meeting place several years ago when the federal government sought $600,000 in corporate taxes from the organization. Application blanks for membership being distributed here read as follows:

"I, the undersigned, a native born, true and loyal citizen of the United States of America, being a white male, gentile, person of temperate habits, sound in mind and a believer in the tenets of the Christian religion, maintenance of white supremacy, principes of 'pure Americanism,' do most respectfully apply for membership in the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan."

Cross burning on top of Stone Mountain, 20 miles from here, last fall was the first indication of Klan activity since the outbreak of World War II. "Dragon" Green said at that time the Kan was not functioning on a national basis, but under a "voluntary" state setup.

The burning of five large crosses in and around Birmingham was reported last week. A full description of one of the crosses was given by police in Tarrant. However, witnesses declined to say whether or not they saw hooded figures near the flaming crosses.

'Klan' Author Is Dead At 82

Thomas Dixon's Novel Inspired Famed Film

RALEIGH, N. C., April 3.—(AP)—Thomas Dixon, the Baptist preacher from whose brain came the story of the first million-dollar movie, "The Birth of a Nation," died here today at the age of 82. He had been in ill health for several years.

Dixon was born in Shelby, the son of a Baptist minister. He began his career as a lawyer and served in the legislature of North Carolina but soon turned to the ministry. He filled pulpits in Raleigh, New York, and Boston.

In all he published 22 novels. These and his income from lecturing brought him substantial sums but in his later years he made some unfortunate investments which cost him much of his wealth. He was appointed clerk of the U. S. District Court here in 1937 but resigned in 1943 on account of ill health.

The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon in Shelby. He is survived by his second wife, a son, Thomas Dixon, Jr., of New York, and a daughter, Charlotte Louise Dixon, of Greenville, South Carolina.

Finds Ku Klux Klan Revived In Indiana

NEW YORK—The Ku Klux Klan will have a "big effect" in the coming Indiana Congressional elections.

That dire prediction was made this week by Oscar R. Ewing, vice chairman of the Democratic National Committee, who added:

"I was shocked to find that the Klan is back on the job and viciously in Indiana."

Speaking at a press conference on his return from talks with Democratic leaders in Ohio, Wisconsin and Indiana he stated:

"There is also some slop-over of Klan membership in Illinois and Ohio, but none in Wisconsin."

Fiery Cross At Okla U

NORMAN, OKLA., May 2—This university town, where Ada Lois Sepuel filed suit to enter the University of Oklahoma, was the scene of the burning of a fiery KKK cross on the campus of the school Saturday. School officials were silent.

The Kluxers Are Out

Crosses are burning at night on Tennessee hilltops and organizers from Atlanta, Ga., are inviting "native born, white, Protestant, Gentile American citizens of good character" to become members of the American Fellowship Club—at $5 for clergymen and $10 for other initiates.

The club, which after World War I would have called itself a Klub, professes the familiar principles and objectives—Christianity, America first, white supremacy, upholding the constitution, racial segregation and purity, pure white womanhood, opposition to communism, America for Americans, state and national rights, separation of church and state, freedom of speech and press, more strict immigration laws, cooperation with all law enforcement officers and closer relationship between labor and capital.

The gullible are reported to be flocking to the flames of the burning crosses.

Perhaps it is inevitable that in the wake of wars, bigotry and intolerance and prejudice tend to congregate into such anti-social, unChristian, un-American and thoroughly undesirable mobs of cowards as the Ku Klux Klan proved to be. But we hope that decency and self-respect will defeat its appeal to Iowans this time.—The Des Moines Register.

Burning Crosses

In this enlightened day, with the Ku Klux Klan so thoroughly discredited in the minds of the vast majority of our people, it is hard to believe that the five burning crosses reported seen in the Birmingham district Wednesday night are to be taken with any great seriousness. But neither are they to be dismissed as trivial signs scarcely justifying notice. There still is much of ugly prejudice around, for all we have learned as to its evil fruits. The tensions of wartime and readjustment have tended to intensify such tendencies. So let all tolerant, lawabiding people be vigilant.

There appears to have been a concerted plan in the erection of these crosses in widely separated areas. Whatever the purpose, this kind of a silly but possibly dangerous resort to intimidation, exhibitionism or whatever, is something we want no more of at all.

Join White Supremacy

By Special Correspondent

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—White supremacy, racial segregation and purity, and other objectives similar to those of the old Ku Klux Klan are being used as selling points in an open,

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extensive campaign for membership of the American Fellowship Club in East Tennessee.

Self-addressed, form postcards setting out the objectives (see cut) have been widely distributed to obtain funds and membership for this "non-political, non-denominational secret organization" in the State which recently was the scene of race riots in which several Negroes were killed and State Guard units were called to maintain order.

EVANGELIST LEADS ORGANIZATION DRIVE

Names of officers of the national headquarters have not been learned, but the East Tennessee drive is being led by the Rev. A. A. Haggard, 1227 Hutton Street, Maryville, Tenn., who admitted to the Knoxville News-Sentinel that "I am the East Tennessee organizer."

The 67-year-old "Reverend" Haggard has done interdenominational evangelistic work for thirty years, he says.

An initiation fee of $5 for ministers and $10 for others is charged.

"I am not privileged to give the exact number of members in this territory, but I can say there are more than 10,000 members in Knox, Blount and Hamblen Counties," Haggard told the News-Sentinel. "The best citizens of all classes are represented in the membership, including many ministers."

NUMEROUS CROSSES HAVE BEEN BURNED

The East Tennessee "organizer" declined to reveal whether the

Klan Organizer Seeking Members

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Sam Dinnin of Atlanta, Ga., came to this city last week to launch a drive for the reorganization of the Ku Klux Klan.

Dinnin said that he was a representative of the national organization.

"I'm not ready at this time to furnish an address where persons may obtain membership," he declared, "but I will make a full announcement of plans in the near future."

Continuing, he said the organization will "stand on its old traditions: for law and order. We are anxious to get started," he concluded.

In Atlanta, Dr. Samuel Green, grand dragon of the klan, said that Dinnin was authorized to organize for the Ku Klux Klan.

KKK (General)

Klan Tries to Ride Again--But Steel, Coal Workers Fight Back

By ART SHIELDS

Daily Worker, N.Y. N.Y.

WASHINGTON, Pa., Jan. 20.—The Ku Klux Klan is striking at American working class unity again in this steel and coal community near Pittsburgh as the wage struggles spread. The Washington city high school, which several hundred Negro youths attend, has been flooded with violent Klan leaflets, calling for action against the Negro and Jewish people.

The Klan distribution comes at the height of a mass campaign among teen age youths by the "Youth for Christ" movement here. 1-21-46

A series of three Klan leaflets have been left in front of boys' and girls' lockers by the hundreds, for the youngsters to take home to their parents.

"We are anti N———r and anti-Jew: Help us," says one leaflet, which an angry Negro boy gave to Gabor Kish, Communist county chairman, and myself.

Another Klan leaflet calls for reprisals against Negro youths who testified against several whites who attacked them at a bus depot recently. The whites were fined.

A third leaflet in typical Klan style, says in the following type display: 1-21-46

"K.K.K. DISMAL SWAMP
11TH HOUR
COUNTRYMAN
MENE, MENE, TEKEL
UPHARSIN
WE MUST HAVE HELP TO PUT THE N . . . ERS AND JEWS IN THEIR PROPER STANDING.
WE NEED HELP AT ONCE!
THE GRAND CYCLOPS.
"LISTO"

On the reverse side the cyclops says that the Klan is back "to haunt the souls of all Jews and N . . . ers."

To avoid detection the leaflets are crudely printed in capital letters with a stamping device.

First counterattack against the Klansman came from Kish, the Communist leader, who denounced the leaflets in a radio broadcast, and called for united Negro and white action. 1-21-46

The leaflet distribution then stopped for the time.

Some Negro children stayed away from school for several days in terror. But the majority of the 4,000 Negro people in Washington (a city of 24,000), are not intimidated, and many are ready to fight back.

The Negro people here are made up mostly of miners in the pits surrounding Washington, and their families.

United Negro and white counteraction is already beginning. The Interracial Committee, of 10 Negroes and 10 whites, headed by William Howard, a Negro union miner, is making plans for a unity Negro-white parade through the town, with a unity float covered with slogans. The date will soon be set.

Preliminary steps for a Negro and white trade union protest committee, uniting coal miners and steel workers from the 3,000 men in the Jessup Steel Co. plant in Washington, are being taken at the same time. The steel plant, incidentally, has no Negroes.

CIO regional director Bill Brady told me the plan had his support.

I found the Lincoln Hill area, where many Negroes live, seething with resentment when I visited it with Kish. Negro youths and small business men said they would never let the Klan get away with violence against their people again, as it did in its temporary revival in western Pennsylvania in the early 1920's.

As a simple precaution against exposing individuals to Klan violence I am not quoting their children and business folks by name. But the Rev. Oscar D. Carson of the African Methodist Church, a leading pastor, told the Daily Worker that he was speaking for the people as a whole when he said, "I am determined not to let these disruptive forces destroy America."

NOT THE CROSS OF CHRIST

Montgomery Advertiser

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How right is the "Dragon"! As far back as our history goes there has been a "charter" for men who love brutality and cruelty. Hitler was one of the Super Dragons. He considered himself "a white male, Gentile person of temperate habits," and he believed in the principles of "pure Germanism."

Hitler and his kind brought civilization to the very brink of disaster, and most of those who truly desire to see the world returned to peace and decency are convinced that there is only one way—by the Cross of Him who loved all men. That is the cross of life.

The cross that burned in Birmingham Wednesday night is truly the cross of hell, and its meaning is death. Sat. 3-30-46

Tenn. Ku Klux Renews Full Moon Activity

3-29-46

The Call

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Kansas City, Mo.

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The American Baltimore, Md.

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OFFICER SELLERS SAID A SIMILAR flaming cross was reported at the junction of East Lake Road and Birmingham Street some three months ago.

He said Mr. Cowling was unable to determine whether the man he saw light the cross last night was wearing a hood or robe.

Significance was attached to the fact that the fiery crosses appeared in the Birmingham district on the same day that the K. K. K. was officially recorded on Georgia state records as a corporation engaged in "fraternal" activities. The K. K. K. in Georgia paid a registration fee of 50 cents a year through 1940-46 to comply with a Georgia law requiring all corporations doing business in the state to register with the secretary of state.

The call logs at the Birmingham Police Department and the sheriff's office last night showed no calls reporting burned crosses.

Fiery Crosses Are Burned In Birmingham

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., March 28—(AP)—Fiery crosses, one of them at least 12 feet high, were reported last night in five neighborhoods in and near Birmingham.

Two officers in nearby Tarrant gave a full description of one of the crosses, but none of the others apparently was reported to police. Birmingham police said they had no calls on the crosses.

The one reported by the Tarrant officers—C. V. Sellers and H. W. Barrow—was 12 feet high and the cross pieces were 10 feet long. It burned itself out in about 15 minutes.

They said cloth strips soaked in kerosene were wrapped around the wooden cross frame, and quoted residents of the area as saying they saw a car parked near the cross and heard hammering before they saw the flames.

The cross the two officers investigated was burned on a hill near the Tarrant-Birmingham boundary.

The other four crosses, all reported to the Age-Herald by residents, were burned in the North Birmingham, Elmwood cemetery, Acipco and Powderly sections. The Powderly cross was burned near a Negro school building.

Late published report of a cross burning was Oct. 20, 1945, when the Ku Klux Klan, which claims a membership of 20,000 in Georgia, indulged in the practice atop historic Stone Mountain just outside Atlanta.

Cross burning was halted by the Georgia Klan during the war, Dr. Samuel Green, the grand dragon, said because it was necessary "that all factions unite to win the war."

Green said the cross is "symbolic of what the Klan stands for."

He listed the four main principles as "character development," "clannishness" — mixing with those who have the same ideas; "protection of the home and chastity of white womanhood" and "exemplification of a pure patriotism to the U. S., its constiution and its flag."

In Atlanta yesterday the Klan was officially recorded on state records as a corporation engaged in "fraternal" activities. The KKK paid a registration fee of 50 cents a year through the years 1940-46 to comply with a Georgia law requiring all corporations doing business in the state to register with the Secretary of State.

KU KLUX KLAN ON STATE BOOKS

ATLANTA, March 27—(AP)—The knights of the Ku Klux Klan, whose hooded and robed members have been the subject of sharp criticism, were officially recorded on state records today as a corporation engaged in "fraternal" activities.

The K. K. K. paid a registration fee or 50 cents a year through the years 1940-46 to comply with a Georgia law requiring all corporations doing business in the state to register with the secretary of state.

The law was enacted in 1938. Dr. Samuel Green, Georgia Klan dragon, said the Klan was not required to register as a new corporation because it had never relinquished a charter granted here in 1916. The registration proceedings were taken however. He said, to insure full compliance with the statutes.

"A great many persons thought the Klan had folded up," he said, "but that is not so. It has always held its charter."

Registration papers filed March 22 listed James A. Colescott, formerly known as the imperial wizard, as "president" of the Klan. Morgan Belser, Atlanta attorney, was listed as secretary. Colescott, formerly a resident of Atlanta, is a veterinarian in Miami, Fla. Helser was reported in Jacksonville, Fla., today on business.

Cross burning on top of Stone Mountain, 20 miles from here last Fall, was the first indication of Klan activity since the outbreak of World War II. Green said at that time the Klan was not functioning on a national basis but under a "voluntary" state set-up.

Atlanta was national headquarters of the Klan for many years. The Atlanta Journal said the headquarters here were closed more than a year ago on decision by Klan leaders at a secret meeting. The newspaper reported at the time that the federal government was planning to seek some $600,000 in cooperative taxes from the Klan.

Application blanks for membership being distributed in Atlanta contain the following:

"I, the undersigned, a native born, true and loyal citizen of the United States of America, being a white male, Gentile person of temperate habits, sound in mind and a believer in the tenets of the Christian religion, maintenance of white supremacy, principles of 'pure Americanism,' do most respectfully apply for membership in the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan."

Klan Officially Listed in State

The Ku Klux Klan has registered officially with the Georgia Secretary of State as a "fraternal association."

James A. Colescott, formerly known as the Imperial Wizard, now a veterinarian in Miami, Fla., is listed as President and Morgan Belser, Atlanta Attorney, as Secretary.

Dr. Samuel Green, Grand Dragon of the Georgia Klan, said many persons were under the impression the Klan had "folded up."

"It didn't," Green said. "It has always held the charter issued in Fulton County Superior Court July 1, 1916."

The Georgia Legislature passed a law in 1938 requiring all corporations doing business in the State to register with the Secretary of State. An annual fee of 50 cents is charged and the Klan paid for the period from 1940 through 1946.

A notation on the registration certificate said the Klan charter was amended Feb. 1, 1935, extending the charter for a period of 20 years from that date.

Five 'Fiery Crosses' Rise In Birmingham

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Klan Active in Knoxville

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (ANP)—Three fiery crosses, sign of the Ku Klux Klan, were reported burned here last week in the old tradition of the Klan to become active during full of the moon. One cross, about 30 feet tall, blazed near Walnut and Virginia Av, and had to be extinguished by firemen. Newspapers are said to have been appraised of the burning plans by a telephone informant who gave his identity only as "a klansman."

Another cross in the 400 block of Central Av was seen by a grocer in the vicinity who said he saw a large object being removed from a truck across from his store, and could have gotten the license number had he known what it was. After the cross was sprayed with inflammable liquid and lighted, the men hurriedly jumped into the truck and sped away toward the river, he said.

Last week's klan activity comes just one month after similar outbursts in this section.

ENOUGH OF INTOLERANCE

From Atlanta, Birmingham and maybe from Klan for a long time would never be revived, other places comes word that Ku Klux cross-We've enough of intolerance, organized and burning has broken out after a lapse of several unorganized, without the Ku Klux Klan com. eral years. It is also reported that the Klaning back to plague us.—DeKalb Times (Fort has paid its license of fee of whatever is nec- Payne)
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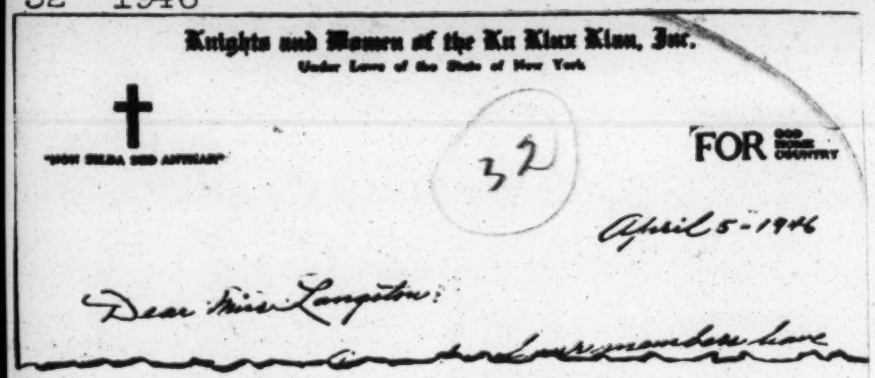

Knights and Women of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.
Under Laws of the State of New York

"NOW SILENT SHE ASTHEART"

FOR GOD HOME COUNTRY

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April 5-1946

Dear Miss Langston:

Letter on KKK stationery says Klansmen will attend Freeport Justice meeting tonight.

Klan Threatens Freeport Rally On 2 Killings

Letter Warns It Will Be There and 'Note All the Proceedings'

A letter threatening that Ku Klux Klan members will attend its mass meeting at Manhattan Center tonight has been received by the New York Committee for Justice in Freeport.

The meeting, which will demand that Governor Dewey investigate the Feb. 5 killing by a Freeport policeman of a Negro soldier and his brother, is supported by more than 100 labor and civic organizations. The added interest of the Klan was stated in a letter signed by James H. Hanley, "Grand Kilgrapp," and written in ink on stationery headed "Knights and Women of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. under laws of the State of New York." (▲)

"We will be there and carefully note all the proceedings," the letter says. "It is meetings such as this that are causing hundreds of real Americans to be aroused, and they are joining our organization." Forty-seven Freeport veterans and 1761 Brooklyn veterans have joined the Klan since Jan. 1, 1946, according to the letter.

There is no return address on the letter. It was mailed in an envelope headed *"The Way,* A Journal of Co-operation, 156 Fifth Ave."

A check of the Fifth Ave. address, however, revealed no trace of Hanley, *The Way* or the Klan.

The Post Office has no listing of *The Way* or the Klan for second-class mailing privileges. Thomas J. Curran, Secretary of State of New York, said neither the "Knights and Women of the Ku Klux Klan" nor any similarly titled organization was incorporated in New York.

Ku Klux Klan Activities Renewed

MIAMI — (ANP) — "Almost as though there has been no war fought for the rights of man, the Ku Klux Klan again is putting neighbor against neighbor, race against race and religion against religion, according to the Miami Herald of March 28. Warning the community of indications that mark a renewal of cross burning and pillaging by white hooded figures riding through the night, the paper declares that "local bigots are busy pumping life again into that organizational zombie, J. B. Gordon Klan No. 5.

Gordon Klan was "dead these many years while men got on with the business of forging a better world," the paper says.

Although banned by federal court order against national organization, last week there was evidence in Georgia and Alabama as well as Florida that the Klan was rising again. Registration of the local Klan as a "fraternal" organization was accomplished in Atlanta, formerly national headquarters, and burning crosses were observed in and near Birmingham.

James A. Colescott, former imperial wizard, now working in Miami as a veterinarian, declared he knew nothing of the renewed activity. He described the registration in Atlanta as insignificant. "The registration fee is paid each year, but the organization is dormant as far as I know," he said. Colescott was Klan head for almost six years after he succeeded Hiram W. Evans of Indiana.

Despite Colescott's denial of the knowledge of Klan activity, a large sign on Highway 26, just outside Miami, reads: "K. K. K. welcomes you. J. B. Gordon Klan No. 5, P. O. Box 337, Glenwood Heights, Miami, Fla." Reactivation of the Klan also is shown in the membership application, which bears the title of "Ku Klux Klan" of Florida, Incorporated.

Florida Secretary of State R. A. Gray reported last week that his records reveal that the Florida Klan rose from its grave by incorporation on September 7, 1944. County records show that a $6 state fee was paid for posting of the signs.

Officials of the FBI report they are watching Klan movements, but can take action only if the hooded members begin inter-state activity.

Fiery KKK Crosses Warn South Of New Terror

By JOHN LeFLORE

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—The carcass of the infamous Ku Klux Klan is stirring to action in several sections of the South.

The streets and hilltops of cities in Florida, Tennessee and Alabama already have reflected the glow of the flaming cross—symbol of Klan debauchery—in recent weeks.

Last Wednesday night the skies of five Alabama cities were made ruddy by the blazing tokens of Klan activity in behalf of "White supremacy." One of the fetishes was set ablaze significantly close to a colored school building.

Last fall the Georgia Klan initiated the revival of the terror movement with the burning of a huge cross atop Stone Mountain, 20 miles from Atlanta.

Burn Five Crosses

Here are last week's developments in the Klan's revival:

It was officially recorded on Georgia's state records last Wednesday as a "corporation" engaged in "fraternal" activities.

It burned five crosses in the Birmingham area last Wednesday night.

The Florida CIO demanded last Friday that the Department of Justice investigate the Klan and everything it represents.

In Georgia it was revealed that the bedsheet order still is operating on a charter granted in 1916. Dr. Samuel Green, Grand Dragon of the state Klan, said the group was not required to register as a new "corporation" because its 1916 charter had never been abandoned. Recent registration proceedings were taken to ensure full compliance with state laws, he claimed.

Papers filed Friday, March 22, listed James A. Colescott as president of the Klan, and Morgan Belser as secretary. Colescott, who formerly lived in Atlanta, once was known as "Imperial Wizard." Belser is an Atlanta attorney.

The five crosses burned in the Birmingham area during rain last Wednesday night between 8:30 and 9:30. They constituted a fiery warning that the Klan is on the march again in Alabama.

Cities that witnessed the burnings—used by the Klan since Reconstruction days as a warning to "undesirables"—were North Birmingham, Acipo, Powderly, Elmwood Cemetery, and Tarrant City. The Powderly cross blazed near the Negro school.

Lights Blaze, Flees

A description of the Tarrant City incident was the only one available. L. F. Cowling, white, said he saw a man light the cross and flee in a 1941 Chevrolet. He could not determine whether the Klansman was hooded or robed.

At Miami last Friday the CIO's Florida State Council called on Atty. Gen. Tom Clark in Washington to investigate the reported Klan revival.

In effect the labor group told the Justice Department to stop ignoring responsibility in the matter.

Charles N. Smolikoff, CIO Council director at Miami, charged that the Klan's use of a Post Office Box address in that area places it automatically under jurisdiction of the Federal authorities.

"Passive Encouragement"

He branded a previous FBI opinion barring investigation of the Klan until its actions become interstate as "close-your-eyes passivity that can only lend encouragement to these hooded native Fascists and hatemongers."

Smolikoff's letter to the Federal agency asserted a sign erected in a Miami suburb had invited KKK enrollment. The sign gave a Post Office Box number as permanent mailing address, he said.

The letter insisted, "We call on you to stamp out this Fascist-like organization that thrives on disunity and lynchings."

Meanwhile apprehension grows in the South that resurrection of the Klan may be prelude to race riots and bloodshed.

Negroes now, Jews later, and finally Catholics are expected to be chief victims of the Klan's hate and disunity program.

Klan to Ride Again in Tenn.

Daily Herald's Its Revival

NASHVILLE.—"Ku Klux Klan Recruiter Here."

Under this bold-face headline, the Nashville Banner gave prominence on Mar. 12 to the arrival here of Sam Dinnin, Imperial Kleagle of the Klan, "to establish headquarters and start a recruiting drive for membership."

According to the Banner, Dinnin announced that "the Ku Klux Klan will ride again in Middle Tennessee," as "there is now a need in this section for the assistance of the Klan in upholding law and order." Membership will be sought among:

"White, Christian men of high caliber who are interested in assisting the law enforcement agencies in ridding the country of Communism and other elements detrimental to the interests of those principles of the American Constitution which insure life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

Interracial leaders here pointed out that the publicity given to Dinnin's arrival and the Klan's drive by the Banner is quite understandable since the newspaper allegedly co-operates actively with Mr. Jarman, head of the General Shoe Corp., one of the largest in the country.

They recalled, also, that Mr. Jarman headed the Republican party in Tennessee in the last election, and that some years ago, the shoe company ran full-page advertisement in a local daily de-nying it hired either convicts or

their color.

Central figures indicted to ap-
pear before the attorney genera-
early this week were Constable Coy
Brown, chief law enforcement of-
ficer at the mountain resort, and
Dr. Wesley Swift.

Brown, who appeared before the
attorney general Saturday of last
week, told Kenny that he was not
a Klansman and that he had no
prejudices toward any race or re-
ligious sect.

KKK PROBED IN CALIFORNIA

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Preacher Questioned in Burning of Klan Crosses

LOS ANGELES.—A sweeping investigation into the sudden appearance of several fiery crosses in the Big Bear community, about 175 miles from here, was ordered Saturday by Attorney General Robert W. Kenny.

The Rev. Westley Swift of Lancaster, said to be an acknowledged member of the Ku Klux Klan, has been sharply questioned about the burning crosses, Kenny disclosed to newspapermen.

The attorney general revealed that his investigators for the past few weeks have been keeping a close check on activities of Rev. Mr. Swift and other individuals, who are allegedly attempting to reorganize the Klan in California.

Allied With G. K. Smith

The minister reportedly delivered a speech recently in which he was quoted as saying the "Klan is here in Big Bear Valley to stay." "We intended," he said, "to form restrictive covenants here and elsewhere in order to hold the line of pure Americanism."

Swift on Nov. 3, according to the attorney general's records, appeared on the platform with the Rev. Gerald K. Smith, and endorsed the admittedly fascist program of the Louisiana preacher. He had numerous copies of "The Cross and Flag," Smith's magazine, in his possession.

On scrutinizing the financial operation of the Klan in Big Bear Valley, an investigator from the attorney general's office reported learning that colored residents had been driven out of the valley by the organization. In addition, a cross had been burned in front of a liquor store operated by a Jewish merchant.

Movie Actor Ben Carter was driven out of the Big Bear community last fall by a group of white night riders, who threatened to bomb his residence. Thus far no action in the case has been taken by the district attorney of San Bernardino county in which Big Bear is located.

Ben Carter, character actor and actors' agent, reserved a cabin in Big Bear by telephone from San Bernardino in May, 1945. On his arrival, he was told by the owner, Fred Baker, no colored persons or Jews were wanted.

Carter insisted on occupying the cabin. Later while his party was eating, a mob of about 20 men entered the cabin and ordered Carter and his guests to leave immediately or suffer the consequences.

The men, waiting while they packed, kept muttering "We don't mean to have n—rs of Jews in this valley." The mob, whose members displayed a belligerent attitude, followed Carter and his guests in three cars.

At one point, one of the men attempted to force Carter's car off the road over a cliff into a deep canyon. The other cars were filled with men picked up at different points along the highway.

Identified among the 20 men were the Rev. Wesley Swift and Constable A. Baker. Carter's suit against the men is still pending.

Will Ask State to Kill Klan Charter

The Ku Klux Klan is legally incorporated as a membership organization under the laws of New York State and has been since Oct. 30, 1925, the National Assn. for Advancement of Colored People disclosed today.

The revelation was documented by a confirming letter from the Division of Corporations of the Department of State in Albany, dated Apr. 11, although on Apr. 8 Secretary of State Thomas J. Curran said that neither the "Knights and Women of the Ku Klux Klan" nor any similarly titled organization was incorporated in New York.

The New York Committee for Justice in Freeport, where the KKK has been reported active, wrote Curran Apr. 17 asking him to investigate the Klan's purposes and, if his findings warrant, to revoke its incorporation.

KU KLUX RAISES ITS HEAD

Within 24 hours after publication that the Ku Klux Klan had "officially registered" again as a "fraternal association" in Atlanta dispatches told of the appearance of five fiery crosses in suburbs of Birmingham during a single night.

Unhappily the Klan in its heyday flourished on the voluminous publicity given it. Its friends went on the theory, no matter what you say about me, say something. It was the best advertised of all intolerant, un-American and furtive secret bodies. At the risk of giving the organization some more advertising at this time it is necessary to call attention to the apparent efforts to renew it and use it once more as a political weapon and for feathering the nests of money-seeking schemers.

The application for membership which its dupes must sign is the best proof that such an organization as the Ku Klux Klan has no place in American life. The applicant must swear he is a white, native-born male, of temperate habits, sound in mind, a believer in the tenets of the Christian religion, a believer in white supremacy and in the principles of pure Americanism.

It is the same old story, the same old bunk, the same old appeal to prejudice, ignorance, intolerance.

It is not too early for Birmingham or any other community where its reappearance is indicated to take necessary steps to stop its pernicious spread.—Alabama Journal (Montgomery).

NOT THE CROSS OF CHRIST

Five burning crosses, the symbol of the Ku Klux Klan, appeared Wednesday night in Birmingham, one of them near a Negro school.

It is a travesty that the Cross of Christ, the symbol of love for all mankind, should be appropriated by a shadow organization whose business is hate.

In Atlanta, for many years Klan headquarters, they are passing out application blanks once again. The blank contains these words:

"I, the undersigned, a native-born, true and loyal citizen of the United States of America, being a white male, Gentile person of temperate habits, sound in mind and a believer in the tenets of the Christian religion, maintenance of white supremacy, principles of 'pure Americanism,' do most respectfully apply for membership in the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan."

A man formerly known as the imperial wizard of the Klan was listed in official registration papers filed March 22 in Atlanta as "president" of the Klan corporation. The Georgia Klan "dragon" is quoted as saying, triumphantly: "A great many persons thought the Klan had folded up, but that is not so. It has always held its charter."

How right is the "dragon"! As far back as our history goes there has been a "charter" for men who love brutality and cruelty. Hitler was one of the super dragons. He considered himself "a white male, Gentile person of temperate habits," and he believed in the principles of "pure Germanism."

Hitler and his kind brought civilization to the very brink of disaster, and most of those who truly desire to see the world returned to peace and decency are convinced that there is only one way—by the Cross of Him who loved all men. That is the cross of life.

The cross that burned in Birmingham Wednesday night is truly the cross of hell, and its meaning is death.—Montgomery Advertiser.

Rankin Aids KKK Russ Charge

'Dies' Group Hit In Second Attack

LONDON—The Moscow radio this week launched a second attack on the Ku Klux Klan and cited Mississippi's Rep. John Rankin as a supporter of the white-robed night riders.

The Russian commentator, Peter Orlov, said that the U. S. Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities (formerly the Dies Committee) "does not in the least object to the revival of American Fascist organizations such as the notorious Ku Klux Klan."

This was the second time within a week that Moscow has lashed out against the Klan. The Russian commentator insists that the Klan "was once banned by law in the U.S.A."

Rankin "Un-American"

The Un-American Activities Committee was criticized for its campaign against "the Joint Committee for Aid for Anti-Fascists."

Referring to the Congressional Committee, Orlov stated that "political biographies" of Rep. Rankin and other members of the committee showed their activities were "un-American."

Earlier in the week, Orlov, broadcasting over the Moscow radio, revealed that secret documents uncovered by the Russians in Berlin show that Hitler and Mussolini had direct contact with American Klan leaders prior to World War II.

Expose Secret Pact

With the beginning of this secret pact, a vicious network of ideas on how to make "white supremacy" a paying proposition was exchanged between the European fascists and Klan leaders here, it was charged.

Orlov reviewed the rise and fall and the attempted resurrection of the KKK in America during his broadcast. He explained a prewar system which linked U. S. fascists with Berlin through special agents and German consuls in the United States.

The commentator's description of present Klan activities was in connection with a denunciation of the Anglo-Saxon "herrenvolk" attitude toward persons not of the white race.

Orlov's exposition of Klan activities in Europe comes on the heels of an effort to smash a postwar revival of the American terrorists in several states.

Klan Flayed By Churches

Un-American Activities Scored By Ministers; Stupidity Charged

MONTGOMERY, Ala.

ATLANTA, May 19—(AP)—The Ku Klux Klan, which held cross-burning ceremonies at nearby Stone Mountain 10 days ago, was called "un-American," "un-Christian" and "unsportsmanlike" and its hooded regalia "the cloak of a coward" by Atlanta ministers today.

Pastors in Methodist, Presbyterian, Episcopal and other churches joined in censuring the secret order in "I Am An American" day sermons. Spokesmen for the Klan were not available immediately for comment.

Rev. Nat G. Long, Peachtree Road Methodist Church—"The Klan is un-American . . . it desecrates the flag . . . perpetuates injustices . . . stirs up prejudices against Negroes, Jews, Catholics . . . thrives on intimidation and fear. Every decent citizen should use all his power to create a public opinion that would shame these unsportsmanlike, unChristian wizards, kleagles, goblins, dragons, cyclops, kludds, klabees, high-hawks out of existence."

Dr. Herman L. Turner, Covenant Presbyterian Church—"(People who endorse the Klan" are vulgar, stupid, out-or-date, un-American, un-Christian."

Dr. Edward G. Mackay, Glenn Memorial Methodist Church—"A mask is not the symbol of courage; it is the cloak of a coward, the livery of the robber and assassin. The excesses and scandals associated in the past with the Klan show the follies and dangers springing from secret groups."

Dr. Stuart R. Oglesby, Central Presbyterian Church—"Hatred, racial prejudice, selfishness and fear have feasted on the evils of war. America has not escaped."

Dr. Wallace M. Alston, Druid Hills Presbyterian Church—"nothing has happened in the South in recent years more deplorable than the reappearance of the Ku Klux Klan."

Rev. Sumner Guerry, Church of the Ephipany Episcopal Church "It is most unfortunate to see the Klan raising its hooded and masked head at this time of all times."

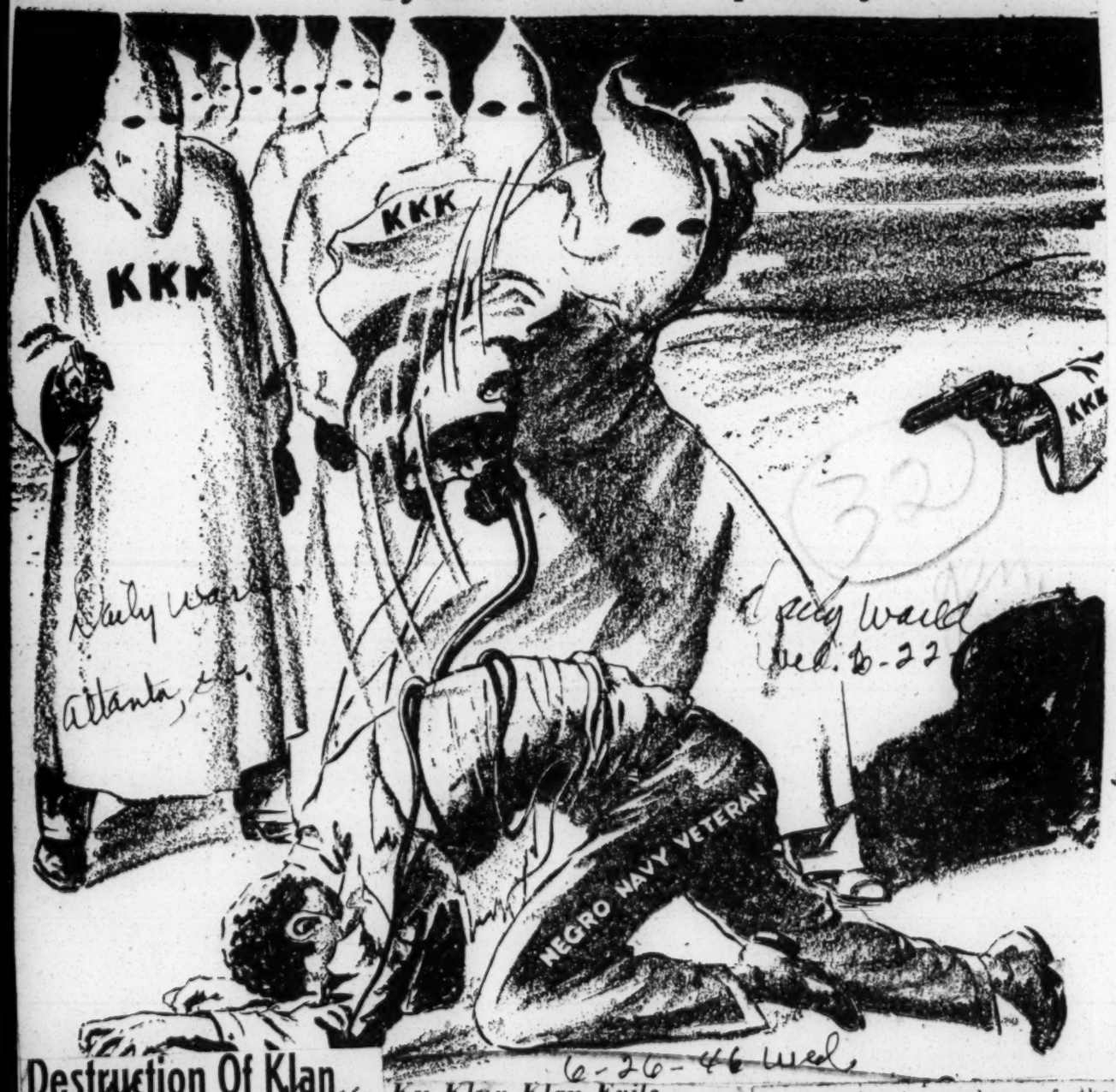
Life goes to a Ku Klux Klan meeting

ATLANTA, Ga.—A Life magazine photographer was the only newsman permitted to photograph the official rebirth of the Georgia Ku Klux Klan last week, according to a United Press dispatch. Two UP newsmen and a Paramount newsreel cameraman were roughed up during the ritual.

More than 700 white-hooded Klansmen were reported to have gathered atop Stone mountain here on the night of May 9 to take part in the two-hour ceremonies. About 2,000 spectators were on hand as five crosses were burned and 500 new members initiated in the Klan's first open meeting since the war began.

Dr. Samuel Green, of Atlanta, was disclosed as the current Grand Dragon of the organization, which was re-chartered in this state a few months ago for "white Gentiles only." Green reportedly predicted similar "burnings throughout the nation in the near future", and declared, "We will actively oppose anyone who differs with Klan principles. And one of those principles is maintenance of white supremacy."

"Symbol Of White Supremacy In Actio!"



Destruction Of Klan Urged By AFL Board

ATLANTA, June 5— (AP) —The American Federation of Labor's Southern policy board wound up a three-day session here today after adopting yesterday a resolution urging AFL unions to aid in destroying the resurgent Ku Klux Klan.

Although the resolution did not mention the Klan specifically, George L. Googe, the AFL's Southern director, indicated it was aimed at the hooded order.

The policy adopted by the 41-member board pledged assistance in "destroying any organization advocating intolerance" and Googe said it meant a "three-initialed secret organization."

The policy board also frowned upon any "rough stuff" in the AFL's drive to organize Southern workers, and called on the 1,800,000 Southern AFL members to adhere strictly to "the principle of equality of opportunity for all without regard to race, color or creed."

Ku Klux Klan Evils

Post - Washington, D.C.

It is high time for the citizens of the United States to stamp out the evils of the Ku Klux Klan. I'm wondering what thousands of Catholic, Jewish and Negro war veterans are thinking about when they read and hear about the Klan in various States of the Union. Did we fight for civil liberties and religious freedom or was it just sheer propaganda?

Drew Pearson reports that recently in Chattanooga, Tenn., the Klan burned a cross in front of a Jewish drug store in the middle of town, warning that Jews must pack up and get out. J. B. Stoner, head of the Klan in Chattanooga, peddles copies of the anti-Semitic book, "Protocols of the Elders of Zion." It is happening here—beware of our future if this menace to society is allowed to flourish. In Atlanta, Ga., police and firemen are prominent members of the Klan.

The various veteran organizations should voice their disapproval of the Klan organization and help crush it as only they can.

SIDNEY C. KATZENELL.

Washington.

Vets Oppose Klan

Constitution

Editor Constitution: The University of Alabama Chapter of the American Veterans' Committee wishes to extend to you appreciation for the dynamic fight which you are waging against the latest dastardly upcropping of the Ku Klux Klan.

It is certainly most discouraging to us veterans who fought fascism in many countries and on many islands around the globe to return home and find elements of that same fascism trying to root itself deep into our community life.

Hitler's henchmen of hate were clothed in brown shirts; Mussolini's macaroni munchers chose black shirts. But the KKK is native enough to select the symbol of purity and enshroud its prejudice-steeped simpletons in the white of the lily.

We happen to believe in democracy as a potent force of life. We believe that fascism at home can be stifled by the power of the written word. We believe that the families and friends of near onto half a million native sons who, bloody but unbowed, gave themselves unto the earth, these we believe will cry forth in unison for the death of the klan.

Most of all, we believe in the American people—in their genuine goodness and in their faith of right. And it is men like Ralph McGill who give us ex-GIs the satisfaction of knowing that the battle against fascism is still being waged whenever and wherever it is found, regardless of its camouflage.

Our sincere hope is that the people everywhere will demand that the laws of our States and our nation be rewritten so as to outlaw the KKK. The klan should not be allowed to exist under liberty secured by the blood of our nation's finest manhood.

RALPH HAMMOND,
Vice Chairman,
University Chapter, American Veterans' Committee.
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

A More Civilized Curriculum

To the Editor of The New York Times:

Gov. Ellis Arnall calls for legislation to outlaw the K. K. K. in Georgia. You state in your recent editorial: "Arnall speaks for all of us." He does, indeed. But what should concern us even more is this: Have we not been guilty of gross negligence in the last twenty years in the education of our youth? They who join the Klan today were the public school children of yesterday. We thought we were preparing them for the cap and gown, not the hood and gown.

It isn't that what we are teaching is at fault. The crime lies in what we fail to teach. It is important, of course, to eliminate illiteracy. But it is not so vital that children should learn how to spell "friendship"—"freedom"—"democracy"—"religion" as it is that they should be made thoroughly conscious of the profound meaning and deep significance of these words.

A more civilized curriculum is the imperative need of school systems throughout the world. Unless we teach the children of today things that will prompt and encourage them to bridge the gulf between peoples and nations, all will be swept into the darkest abyss, and as scientists who are the engineers and architects of our material world warn us, for all time.

IRVING CAESAR.

New York, June 1, 1946.

Md. Congressman Hits Ku Klux Klan

WASHINGTON

In a letter to Rep. John S. Wood, chairman, House Committee on Un-American Activities, Rep. Thomas D'Alesandro Jr., Maryland, petitioned that the committee scotch the source of the Ku Klux Klan which is rising up again in this country.

"Our nation has just concluded a world-wide war in order that the principles of democracy, liberty, and freedom may reign, and these groups have sacrificed so much to this end.

"Now that America has become the symbol of the freedoms, and given hope to a stricken humanity, that life is worth living, we find a recurrence in our country of the deadly virus of hate," said Mr. D'Alesandro.

He also called the committee's attention to publicity registered in a daily paper as proof of Ku Klux Klan activities in numerous States, trading on racial and religious prejudices.

Ku Klux Klan Must Go

"Therefore, we must rid ourselves of such things as organized bigotry, and I mean specifically such an excrescence as the Ku Klux Klan, which recently had the temerity to burn fiery crosses of hatred in Georgia, California and other places.

"Crime these misled and allegedly un-American groups are contradicting, by abuse of the right of free assembly, principles which the United States maintain before the world," he concluded.

Poll Tax Criticized

Conference on Citizenship Thursday, with Gov. Thomas D'Alesandro Jr., Maryland, making the opening addresses to delegates.

Example of Liberty

"The United States, as we can meet, they are free to speak all see," Mr. Clark said, "is the their very principles of world leader among nations."

"We stand before the world as of the sixth annual observance of the States must maintain before the

Stating that he would use all the Federal laws at his command "to stamp out any organization which aims at the extermination of our civil liberties," Mr. Clark asserted.

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"Things we do here, in our daily life, the decisions we make, the inventions which we develop, the social advances that we make in this country, are watched by keen eyes and was made in welcoming into all over the earth.

Ku Klux Klan Attacked by U.S. Attorney General

PHILADELPHIA.

The Ku Klux Klan, already indicted by State attorneys general in New York and California, was fiercely attacked by U.S. Attorney General Tom C. Clark, here, Sunday, as he addressed the National Conference on Citizenship.

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His speech was the highlight of the "I Am an American Day," and was made in welcoming into

citizenship 2,000,000 young men and women reaching voting age and 200,000 who became naturalized in the last year.

New Fanatical Fervor Noted At Klan Meeting

THE WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

By Drew Pearson

Washington.

MEMBERS of the Ku Klux Klan have been sending me anonymous letters threatening all sorts of dire punishment if I continue to report on their fly-by-night activity. They seem to be laboring under the impression that not only can they strike terror into the hearts of defenseless minority groups, but also enjoy tortu ing others without even being written up in the newspapers.

At their Stone Mountain cross-burning, these brazen boys of the cotton nightshirt actually set themselves up as sole arbiters as to who should take news photos, and manhandled all photographers except those working for Henry Luce's Life Magazine. This kind of choosiness as to what is going to be written or published about an organization is a prerogative not even reserved for John L. Lewis.

So long as this typewriter has a ribbon, it will continue to expose the nightshirt boys despite threats to bump off the operator. Here is more inside news on the Ku Klux Klan's revival:

Atlanta, Ga.—Biggest meeting since the war was staged by Chapter No. 1, Atlanta, immediately after the May 9 Stone Mountain cross burning. Two hundred and fifty members present. Some were pretty sore over the unfavorable publicity, but gloated over fact that they had signed up new Klansmen from Atlanta firemen and police.

Chattanooga—Klan recently burned cross in front of Jewish drug store in the middle of town, warning that Jews must pack up and get out. J. B. Stoner, head of the Klan there, continues to peddle copies of the anti-Semitic book, "Protocols of the Elders of Zion."

Knoxville, Tenn.—An open meeting of the Klan was held May 18 at the tabernacle of evangelist T. Wesley Hills. Principal speaker was Rev. A. A. Haggard of Maryville, Tenn. This Klan meeting had something of emotional, almost fanatical fervor. The crowd was whipped up with the idea that the church, the Klan and God all had the same goals and ideas. This is the latest and most dangerous line taken by Klan leaders.

Asheville, N. C.—Klansmen now whisper that it was a knight of the K.K.K. who snipped the wires during the broadcast of William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, as Green was about to announce an A.F.L. drive to organize the South. This illustrates another new K.K.K. line—save America from organized labor and Communism.

In most cities, leading ministers and newspapers have been strong in their denunciation of the Klan. The Southern Baptist Convention also went on record vigorously against the nightshirt boys. Despite this they seem to be making headway.

DEMOCRATIC ASSOCIATION RESOLUTION HITS KLAN

At its recent meeting at Brunswick, the Georgia Association of Citizens Democratic Clubs went on record as openly against the Ku Klux Klan and urged proper steps by proper federal authorities to stop this reviving organization now. The resolution of the association follows:

"The Ku Klux Klan, notorious in its ecord for investigating and propagating racial and religious prejudices and inciting violent and terroristic acts against law-abiding citizens, has recently reared its poisonous head in Georgia and the nation, seeking again to coin into filthy lucre the inflammable passions of gullibly misguided souls. This philosophy of hate and misanthrophy is the same which engulfed the world war and bloodshed. All good citizens must unite to crush and banish from our midst this nefarious influence which shames our state and the nation in the eyes of a world which is now gropingly seeking to establish good will and amity among all peoples as a foun dation for a just and enduring peace.

"Therefore, the Georgia Association of Citizens Democratic Clubs representing over 60,000 Negro voters, in session at Brunswick, Ga., on Saturday, May 11, do hereby call upon Congressman John S Wood, Chairman of the Congressional Committee of Un-American Activities, and the United States Attorney General to begin immediately an investigation of this un America organization with a view to taking proper steps to ban from Georgia and the nation this Nazi-like organization that is undermining the unity of our people."

Interracial Group Denounces KKK

TAMPA, Fla.—A resolution denouncing the Ku Klux Klan was adopted this week by the Florida division of the Southern Regional Council, an interracial group.

In these times when we have just finished a war with Nazism, it would be tragic indeed, if we allow Nazi-like movements to spread in America, the resolution stated in part.

A resolution asking the government to employ Negroes in a supervisory capacity in the veterans-in-training program was also adopted.

Ed Ray, managing editor of the Tampa Daily Times, was named chairman of the Florida division. The Rt. Rev. John D. Wing, bishop of the Episcopal diocese of South Florida, served as chairman of the 20-year-old interracial commission.

Other officers named were: Mrs. Israel L. Kaplan, Jacksonville, vice chairman; Dr. William H. Gray, president of Florida A. and M. College, second vice chairman, and Mrs. Warren Zench, Vero Beach, secretary-treasurer.

FOR TOLERANCE

Editor, The Advertiser:

As you know, our nation faces a grave international crisis. You also know that we face serious domestic problems which tend to disrupt our national government, and which may even destroy those aspects of democracy which we consider the right of every American citizen. Is America to remain the "Land of Opportunity"? I say that it will not, unless we the people realize that every man was created equal in the sight of God, and unless we practice tolerance toward the minority groups of our nation. We cannot retain our place as a great International power unless we first resolve our problems here at home.

We as citizens of a democracy fought a war against two types of government who upheld that they were destined to rule the peoples of the world. We rebelled against Germany's crimes upon the Jewish race, yet we stand idly by while organization such as the Ku Klux Klan are being revived in the United States. Do we as peace-loving citizens want to experience a Civil War? Do we wish to see more bloodshed and violence that will certainly cause great property damages as well as untold injuries and death?

We must learn to live and work together, for there is enough room in the United States for all Americans.

WILLIAM THOMAS TACKETT
209 West Glen,
Auburn, Ala.

The Unhooded Bands

Six or seven labor unions in Chicago have been sued by a department store which alleges that by threats, force and violence they have prevented employes of the store from entering it. The damages to the store are placed in the complaint at $1,000,000. It is not alleged that the pickets who engaged in the lawless actions were hooded or clothed in sheets. The wearing of hoods undoubtedly aggravates the offense, if the wearers do violence, and all persons who hide their faces are objects of suspicion. Pickets of unions who insult, make threats, commit assault and battery (some of them do these things), are braver than Kluxers, although not much bravery is to be attributed to any of them. The Ku Klux Klan should be put out of business, and, meanwhile, banded men in the United States, with faces unconcealed, have in the last seven months been guilty of 1,000 times the violence and intimidation that could be charged against the so-called "Ku Klux Klan". The "Klan" is of value to its Liberalite and Harlemite politicians. It enables them to divert attention from the lawlessness of bands.

Southern Churches Against Klan

Pastors of Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian and other Protestant churches of Atlanta have come out forthrightly against the attempts to reorganize the Ku Klux Klan, their conscience dictates.

We are glad that the Atlanta Protestant sneaked shamefully from it a decade ago. ministers have had the courage to speak out against the sinister, evil forces that The Ku Klux Klan flowered on bigotry, intolerance, hatred and secrecy. Many who would lie in waiting behind hoods.

joined it as "American patriots," found to We are proud to know that the Southern their disgust that it was an organization Baptists at their meeting in Miami con-fostered to strike terror into the hearts of demned the attempts to reorganize the Kuinnocent members of minority races and re-Klux Klan.

We wish every minister in every commu-There is no place for the Ku Klux Klan nity in the South would raise his voice and its vicious teachings in our democratic against the Ku Klux Klan.

We call on every Alabama citizen who believes in America and the American way of life, who believes in Christianity and fair play, who believes in the dignity of the human being, to speak out against the organization.—Gadsden Times.

The time to stamp out this potential evil is now, before its underground roots have a chance to grow and take strength.

We call on the Governor of Alabama, as the chief executive of this state, to investigate the Ku Klux Klan in Alabama.

We call on the Attorney General to prosecute the first overt act of the organization.

We call on the Federal Bureau of Investigation to get the facts on the Ku Klux Klan re-organization, and to present these facts before federal grand juries.

We call on the state grand juries to investigate the Ku Klux Klan.

We call on the state solicitors and county prosecutors to bring the facts before juries.

Federal and State Legal Steps Halt Open Revival

The Afro-American
Baltimore, Md. Sat. 9-21-46

List Giving Account of the KKK's Present National Status Shows Areas of Action

WASHINGTON (ANP) — Attacks by the Federal and State governments have either halted the revival of the KKK or caused it to go underground. Spearheaded by Gov. Ellis Arnall of Georgia, the Klan has been the target of public indignation and legal action in New York, Kentucky and California. According to the United Press, the following is a section by section account of the Klan's present national status:

New England States—The Klan never has been active in this sector and there is no evidence of any activity now.

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S. C. Klan in Operation

South Carolina—Klan charter lapsed several years ago and operating under cover since then. Recruiters allegedly at work in Columbia, but crossburning incidents in back country Negro sections dismissed by authorities as "schoolboy pranks."

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Catholic Influence

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Harmless Klan

Michigan and Minnesota—Signs of Klan revival, but no attempt by members to intervene in politics or intimidate minorities.

Texas — Recent unconfirmed reports that the Klan is stirring, but no open activity.

California — The superior court revoked the Klan charter in the summer, but Los Angeles had witnessed a half-dozen cross burnings by May, and similar episodes were reported from many sections of San Bernardino county.

Russians Frown On KKK Activity

Atlanta Daily World
Atlanta Ga.

By CHATWOOD HALL
Associated Negro Press Foreign Correspondent

MOSCOW — (ANP) — Ku Klux Klan activitiy in the United States is frowned upon by Russian readers. Sat. 7-20-46

A recent issue of a trade union newspaper carried a telegraphic dispatch on the fascist activity of the KKK "nightshirt" organization in the southern states. An article told how a former Georgia governor, Eugene Talmadge, is seeking reelection by using the fascist phrase of "superiority of the white race." That southern reactionary was pictured to the Russian people as welcoming Klan support for his political ambitions.

APPROVE OPPOSITION

The newspaper expressed, on the other hand, approval of the stand taken by trade unions and religious organizations of Georgia against KKK fascism. One Russian reader remarked, "It's beyond me how such abominable and fascistic Ku Klux Klan activity can be tolerated in a country which prides itself on being and preaches to the world that it is a democracy and a republic."

Western powers were taken to task by an article in New Times, a local magazine, for charging there is no democracy in the Balkans and eastern Europe. In one directed blow at the United States, the magazine asked:

"Despite formal democratic legislation, why are Negroes in the United States subjected in practice to brutal discrimination even to the extent of lynching?"

Sat. 7-20-46

KKK Queried Of Political Connections

The Advertiser
Montgomery, Ala.
Sat. 9-21-46

House Committee Mails Long Questionnaire To 275 Groups

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—(AP)—The House Campaign Expenditures Committee asked the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan today whether it is engeged in politics and, if so, how much money it is spending and for what candidates.

The Klan, its address listed as Atlanta, Ga., was among approximately 275 organizations to which the committee sent questions about political activity.

Others included the CIO, the AFL, the National Association of Manufacturers, the United States Chamber of Commerce, the CIO American Newspaper Guild, the Communist Party, a Brewery Workers Union and the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

The committee, requesting answers in two weeks, aksed such questions as these:

1. If your organization plans to spend money for a political candidate, in what amounts and to whom will it be paid and who is the candidate?

2. Does your organization expect to assist in any other way any candidate for the House? If so, list the persons or persons supported or opposed.

3. In what bank or other depository are the funds of your organization?

4. With what other organizations, committees or groups is your organization affiliated? What corporations or labor organizations contribute directly or indirectly to your organization?

5. List in detail the sources of income of your organization.

Committee Chairman Priest (D), Tennessee, said the purpose of the questionnaire is "to assemble information for investigations and public hearings in such cases as deemed necessary by the special committee."

Priest told reporters the organizations are not compelled to answer the questions but the committee has authority to subpoena witnesses if necessary.

Easy P.M. Victory For the KKK

New York, N.Y.
By SEYMOUR PECK

If you turned on *Mr. District Attorney* Wednesday night expecting to hear an expose of the Ku Klux Klan, you may have been a little surprised to find that the KKK show was not on the agenda at all. A "non-controversial" script had taken its place.

The Klan drama, PM has learned was shelved by *Mr. District Attorney's* sponsors, the Bristol-Myers Co., which declared simply that "it was definitely not up to the standard" of previous scripts.

Inside observers, however, saw in this explanation an attempt to camouflage what they consider the real reason for the ban—the company's fear of treading on toes, even KKK toes. They say the script, written by Ed Byron and Bob Shaw, was a model of fearless, hard-hitting dramatic radio writing; they profess surprise that Byron and Shaw, whose *Mr. D.A.* scripts have helped make the show one of the most listened-to in radio, could turn out a job "not up to standard."

A Bristol-Myers spokesman denied these charges. The KKK script has been put aside "for possible revision," he insisted, and may yet be heard on the air.

I hope he was speaking in good faith, since, with the recent resurgence of the Klan, there is every need for radio to wage a battle against the things the Klan gang stands for. Fri 7-5-46

The daytime kid's serial, *Superman*, it must be said, is doing a splendid and widely praised job on the Klan in its current series. This should prove reassuring to the cautious men of the Bristol-Myers Co. It would be unfortunate if *Mr. District Attorney*, cited by the National Conference of Christians and Jews as "the outstanding commercial series of 1945 in promoting interracial tolerance," should let itself be frightened by a disreputable group like the Ku Klux Klan.

Ga. Prosecutor Claims Evidence In Documents

Daily World
Atlanta, Ga.
Wed. 8-14-46

Man Who Merged Klan And Bund Here Recently

Edward James Smythe, director of the Protestant War Veterans' Association, now under federal indictment on charges of sedition, was in Atlanta less than three weeks ago, according to Assistant Attorney General Dan Duke.

Mr. Duke returned Tuesday from a trip to New York and New Jersey, where he gathered evidence which links the Klan and the German-American Bund.

Attorney General Eugene Cook released for publication part of the evidence Mr. Duke brought. Included was a photograph taken at a joint Klan-Bund meeting at the Bund's Camp Nordland, at Andover N. J., August 8, 1940. On the picture were August P. Klapprott, deputy national fuehrer of the Bund, now serving a federal sentence and Arthur A. Bell, head of the New Jersey K[illegible]n, shaking hands against a background of sheeted Klan members.

A photostatic copy of an article in a Bund publication "The Free American" carrying the headline "The Klan meets the Bund." The article was written by the Klan publicity department and told of the proposed joint meeting.

Mr. Duke said that he had a photostatic copy of a letter written by Smythe to someone in Germany telling of his success in getting the Klan and Bund together.

He said that he had gathered some of the evidence to show to some members, veterans and other who have become members that the Klan was used to carry further the Nazis psychological warfare.

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Anti-American Front Was Goal Of Combination

Daily World Atlanta, Ga.

American People Can Judge Klan As Facts Unfold

Tues. 8-13-46

NEW YORK CITY — (S N S) —Daniel Duke, assistant attorney general of the State of Georgia told a press conference at the offices of the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League Monday, that he had documentary evidence which linked the Ku Klux Klan with the German-American Bund.

Assistant Attorney General Duke indicated that prior to Pearl Harbor, the Klan and the German-American Bund made plans to consolidate into "one huge anti-American combine."

JOINT MEETINGS

He charged that the Klan and the Bund met jointly at various times in New Jersey, at which time addresses were delivered by A. M. Young, Arthur H. Bell, officials in the New Jersey Klan; August Klapprott, deputy national Fuehrer of the Bund, now serving a federal sentence and Edward James Symthe, presently under federal indictment on charges of sedition.

The Georgia Assistant Attorney General also revealed that he had evidence that at present the Klan was setting up front organizations to attract veterans, women and other organizations. The Protestant War Veterans in Washington, which is headed by Smythe is one of these groups, he said, adding that this group recently conferred with Klan officials in Atlanta.

OTHER GROUPS

Other groups named included the Continental League for Christian Freedom, at Louisville, Ky., headed by Mallard Grubb. That organization, he said, has entertained Klan officials as regular speakers and recently voted to affiliate with the National Youth Convention, headed by Gerald L. K. Smith.

Assistant Attorney General Duke made it clear that while he did not feel that the Klan was dangerous to the nation at the present time, he felt that it would present a danger to the personal liberties of thousands and thousands" of poor unfortunate people who could be appealed to by a hate campaign in the event of a national economic upheaval.

DISCUSSES GEORGIA KLAN

The Asst. Attorney General pointed out that he regarded Georgia's fight disenfranchise the Klan as a "means of enlightening the public." "Whatever the verdict," he said, he would consider the case a victory "if we get all the evidence before the jury and the press of the nation will pick it up."

"Ku Kluxism," he said, "has to be fought in the court of public opinion. I believe when the people of this country see what actually is behind Ku Kluxism—and that means all who preach the same doctrine—the American people will write their own verdict. When we expose it it won't be a threat."

MENTIONS PRIMARY

Turning to the recent Georgia primary, Assistant Attorney General Duke explained that Attorney General Eugene Cook had been re-elected by a large margin in spite of his determined fight against the Klan. Daily World Atlanta, Ga.

"The Klan did not elect Gene Talmadge," he said. 'It rode in on his coattails." Tues. 8-13-46

Duke said he believed that the Klan had been publicly disbanded by Imperial Wizard J. A. Colescott in 1943 merely to avoid federal income tax and that the men who were its overseers during its dormant period were believed still in active control. Those men, he said, included Colescott, Morgan Belser, an Atlanta attorney, and possibly a successor to the late Ben Adams, of South Carolina and two others whose names he does not know. One of them, he said, is believed to be in the vicinity of Detroit.

MANY IN THE SOUTH SEEN COOL TO KLAN

The Times New York, N. Y. Fri. 9-6-46

Only a Small Minority There Are Joining the Ku Klux, Says Alabaman Here

'VESTED INTERESTS' CITED

White Supremacy Slogan Put on Democratic Party by Reactionaries, He Adds

Only a small minority of white Southerners are joining forces with the Ku Klux Klan today, Malcolm Cotton Dobbs of Birmingham, regional secretary for the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, declared last night. He spoke before the New York City committee of the conference at the Willkie Memorial Building, Twenty West Fortieth Street.

Mr. Dobbs said he did not want to "underestimate the Klan," the harm it was doing and "the lynch terror that is running rampant today," and blamed the resurgence of the klan on "vested interests." He linked "reactionary plantation owners and industrialists who have no use for democracy" and charged that these are fighting to maintain "white supremacy as the slogan of the Democratic party in the South."

Mr. Dobbs who is a native of Houston, Tex., and a nephew of Mrs. Dixie Cotton Heirens, former National Secretary of the Daughters of the American Revolution, said that the "great majority of enlightened Southern white people are opposed to the Klan and can be brought into the field to outlaw its existence." He declared that the need of the South today is "leadership in this fight against insipid fascism in America."

'Face the Facts,' he urges

Clark Foreman of Atlanta, considered generally as the "spearhead" of the conference asked that American delegates to the peace conference at Paris "face the facts and abandon double talk" about "the assimilation rather than the perpetuation of racial minorities."

With calling names, Mr. Foreman made reference to a dispatch from Paris in yesterday's edition of THE NEW YORK TIMES which quoted Lieut. Gen. W. Bedell Smith as saying: "It is difficult for a citizen of the United States to understand the desire to perpetuate racial minarities rather than absorb them."

"We approve heartily the stand which our delegation takes in Paris with respect to other minority groups," he said. "We only wish that the same amount of effort and leadership could be given to solve our minority problems in this country."

"If the elections recently held in the South had been watched by United States Government officials as those in some European countries, and if all the people over 21 had been allowed to vote, the South would have far better representation in Congress and our Government would be better prepared to solve the problems which face us at home and abroad."

Takes Up Bolte's Charge

Mr. Foreman also made reference to charges of discrimination made to President Truman by Charles G. Bolte, president of the American Veterans, Inc., an item also reported in yesterday's TIMES. "With conditions of veterans and racial minorities, especially Negroes, being what they are," Mr. Foreman asked that "charity begin at home, if we are to bring our domestic and foreign policies into harmony."

James A. Dombrowski, administrator of the conference in Nashville, said that a "silent South" is growing in influence, in spite of "the wave of lynchings and mass violence" which, when added to "the Fascist ravings of Bilbo, Rankin and company," give a false picture of the South. 9-6-46

He said that, although Washington "is a Jim Crow town," 15,000 persons responded here recently to a memorial service protesting lynchings. In the Deep South, he said, "white supremacy is practically a dead issue, politically," and more than 200,000 Negroes were registered in Georgia and Texas for elections held this year.

Bad Company Keeping?

The News Birmingham, Ala.

The Ku Klux Klan has been in cahoots with the German-American Bund, according to a charge made on Tuesday by the Department of Justice. That isn't surprising knowledge to those people who have learned to despise the things which the Klan stands for. There is evidence, says Asst. Atty. Gen. Lamar Caudle, that the Klan and the Bund collaborated before the war, and now an inquiry is under way to determine whether the Bund is being revived under another name or names and the possibility of the alliance of such subversive groups and the Ku Klux Klan of today. Thurs. 10-3-46

The Bund was dissolved after Pearl Harbor, although as late as July, 1942, the Justice Department charged that it had continued "its conspiracies" into the war period. But some of its leaders were imprisoned, and the FBI was so alert that no spies or any other persons who might have had Bund connections were able to perform acts of sabotage that could hinder the war effort.

It is not difficult to believe that the Klan kept bad companionship with such an organization. German fascism, with its preachments on racial superiority, is not far removed from what the Klan believes and tries to practice.

It is well that the Justice Department is looking into the matter. Whatever may be done to expose the nefarious purposes of the Ku Klux Klan is a service to the people of the United States.

The Nation And The Klan

The News, Birmingham, Ala. Thurs. 8-1-46

The Ku Klux Klan is not likely to have an easy time in America from now on. The federal government and the law-enforcement agencies of the individual states are engaged in what will surely be a fight to finish it as a force in American society and politics. The Department of Justice has announced that it is investigating now in seven states the activities of the Klan, and that wherever civil rights have been violated, or even intimidated, it will take action to prosecute those guilty under federal statutes.

In the state of New York this week a Supreme Court justice signed an order dissolving the Klan on the grounds that it had obtained a state charter through trickery. The attorney general of the state turned over to the FBI the names of 1,100 Klan members.

The Department of Justice has received complaints from all parts of the country, according to Attorney General Tom Clark, of the resurgence of the Klan. Some came from individuals, but most of them were from labor organizations and civil rights societies. When names are given, and dates of alleged violations, the FBI goes into action and investigates to determine whether civil rights have been infringed upon. Mr. Clark himself, as long ago as last May, said: "We must rid ourselves of such things as organized bigotry—and I mean specifically such an excrescence as the Ku Klux Klan."

With Mr. Clark's statement we most heartily agree. The Klan's actions have always smacked of the Fascist attitude which we fought a great war to destroy. It is yet to be proved, of course, that the recent Georgia lynching was engineered by the Klan, but mitted by men imbued with the Klan men- ess tality. If they get away with this affair, ly others will undoubtedly follow which are the work of the Klan. That is the way the m. Klan operates.

Black Scored For His Silence On KKK Issue

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Bridges Asserts Inquiry Into Need For Ouster Machinery Is 'Proper'

WASHINGTON, June 11—(AP)—The ferment over the Supreme Court took a fresh turn today when Senator Bridges (R), New Hampshire, recalled an address by Justice Black to a National Citizens Political Action Committee meeting and asserted that justices wanting to make "political speeches" should resign.

Bridges reminded his colleagues, too, that the constitution provides that judges shall hold office "during good behavior." He said Congress might "very properly inquire" into the need for ouster machinery short of impeachment. The latter can be brought only for "high crimes and misdemeanors." 6-13-46.

KKK Issue

Saying the State of mind of a justice is important and can be judged by his utterances, Bridges brought up also both the controversy between Black and Justice Jackson, and the Ku Klux Klan issue raised when Black, then a senator from Alabama, was appointed to the high tribunal in 1937.

Bridges said that on Aug. 17, 1937, the day Black was confirmed for the Supreme Court, the question was raised in the Senate whether Black was a member of the Klan.

Bridges quoted the late Senator William E. Borah of Idaho as saying in the debate that Black "has said in private conversation, not since this matter came up but at other times, that he was not a member of the Klan . . ."

By Sept. 13, Bridges said, the "newspapers were printing the facts concerning the membership of Senator Black in the Klan" and on Oct. 1 Black went on the radio and "stated he had joined the Klan some 15 years earlier but later resigned."

"The point is," Bridges continued, "that when he was under obligation to speak, when he knew that to have made the admission would bear markedly upon the matter of his confirmation to the Supreme Court, he refrained from speaking. He allowed other senators in this body to make representations in his behalf which were false and which were known to him to be false." Montgomery Ala.

From earlier comments by other senators it appeared Bridges' speech might set off a general discussion of the court situation. Senator Eastland (D), Mississippi, for one, had said he intended to speak. Thurs - 6-13-46

Bar of Justice

However, when Bridges sat down, Chairman McCarran (D), Nevada, of the judiciary committee, jumped up and admonished his colleagues that the Senate "occupies a most peculiar situattion" since it becomes the bar of justice if the House initiates impeachment proceedings.

McCarran said he would make "no utterance whatsoever" concerning the court situation and asked that other senators follow that same course and "reserve judgment in this trying moment." Montgomery Ala.

"The day might come when this body might be called on to sit as a court of impeachment," he said. "If that day comes, may God forbid, the chairman of the judiciary committee will be free to act." Thurs 6-13-46

Senator Murdock (D), Utah, urged the senators to heed McCarran's advice. Democratic Leader Barkley, Kentucky, gained the floor then, steered attention back to OPA legislation without referring to Bridges' remarks.

Bridges told the Senate he considers there is nothing in the statement Jackson made about Black to warrant impeachment. That apparently was an almost universal view among the legislators. Thurs - 6-13-46

Chairman Summers (D), Texas, of the House judiciary committee, said he sees nothing to indicate "any such drastic action." He proposes to put the statement Jackson cabled the committee from Nuernberg, Germany, before it tomorrow.

Sumners declared he personally is disinclined against any immediate action. He said he would prefer to wait until Jackson returns to this country since the justice would probably be the chief witness if any hearings were held. Montgomery, Ala.

FBI ACTS ON KLAN IN SEVEN STATES

Times - New York N.Y.

Agents Follow Complaints in New York, Among Others, to Check on Federal Laws

Thurs. 8-1-46

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

WASHINGTON, July 31—Activities of the Ku Klux Klan in seven States are being investigated to escertain whether any Federal laws are being broken, the Department of Justice revealed today. The States are New York, Michigan, Tennessee, Florida, California, Mississippi and Georgia.

The Civil Rights Division of the department is making the inquiries, and it is probable that its work may extend to other parts of the nation, as many complaints are being received. Evidence of any violations of State laws will be turned over to the State authorities, if they request it. Federal violations will lead to action against the Klan by the Government.

Officials at the department say several factors may bring a rebirth of the Klan in various sections. For one thing, Negro voting in Southern primaries may stimulate Klan strength. Crowded living conditions, with the races thrown closely together, also could lead to revival of the Klan.

Specific allegations concerning the Klan furnish the basis on which the investigators will work. In one instance, it was charged that the hooded order cooperated with officials of a Florida community to prevent Negroes from moving into a housing project. Also, it was said that before the Georgia primary a masked band went to a number of Negro homes in one county, fired into the houses and warned Negro occupants against trying to cast their ballots.

Legal steps to abolish the Klan in many parts of the country have gratified officials at the Justice Department. They were pleased to learn that Justice Joseph A. Gavagan had signed the order removing the charter of the organization in New York State, and hoped this example would be followed in other communities.

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Negroes Here Get "Warnings"

Police Commissioner Arthur W. Wallander ordered an immediate investigation yesterday of charges filed by Negroes living in the Addisleigh Park section of St. Albans, Queens, that "warnings" had been sent them by an organization which styled itself "Ku Klux Klan District of St. Albans."

Charles A. Collier Jr., executive secretary of the City-Wide Citizens Committee on Harlem, who resides in St. Albans at 174-15 Linden Boulevard, said that Tuesday night a card was found under his door which read:

"District of St. Albans. Warning to Negroes entering St. Albans. Beware. Signed. Klu Klux Klan."

Mr. Collier said that the same message was received by several other Negroes, including William H. Pleasant and Dr. John H. Singleton, who reside at 175-30 and 174-23 Murdock Avenue, respectively. He attributed the notes to "the reaction of some white families against Negroe occupancy of homes they bought from persons willing to sell, covenants or no covenants."

the two innocent Negro couples who were shot to death in cold blood by a mob of Georgia believers in white supremacy. It is the most shocking example of the consequences which follow from the incitements to those who deny the equal protection of our Constitution and laws to all of our citizens regardless of color. We cannot remain silent."

The Mayor asked for passage of an anti-poll tax bill and a permanent Fair Employment Practices Committee. Senators Robert F. Wagner and James M. Mead telegraphed that they joined in the protest against the lynchings and mob violence. Chars. 8-1-46

Resolutions were sent to Gov. Ellis Arnall, Attorney General Tom Clark and President Truman demanding that the Ku Klux Klan be disbanded and that full protection be given all citizens, regardless of race, creed or color. The message to Governor Arnall declared that the people of the nation "will back you in this battle against the forces of white supremacy and violence."

Grant Reynolds, State Commissioner of Correction and Republican candidate for Representative from Harlem's Twenty-second Congressional District, asked for passage of a Federal anti-lynching law.

How Klan Kan Serve

The Constitution Atlanta Ga.

I kan't Koncelve how any man
Kan kater to the Ku Klux Klan!
How anyone kan hide his face
Behind a dunce-like pillowkase,
And kover up the rest komplete
With what appears a kommon sheet; Thurs 8-8-46
The koward kan conceal his name,
How kan he ever cloak his shame?

What would he have, the kraven kur?
That he should be our arbiter?
That we should bow to human dross?
To desekrators of the kross?
Should we believe at this late date
That race and kreed need foster hate?
That freedom won, and won anew,
Is only for a chosen few?

Oh Klansmen all, I beg to tell
How you kan serve our kountry well:
When next upon the mount you meet,
Full dressed in pillokase and sheet,
When fiery krosses shame the night
Then all join hands and hold on tight;
Step from the brink, and fare-the-well,
Off with a flying start to hell!

J. SISLEY.

Athens.

U. S. To Probe 7 States for Klan Activity

Constitution
Atlanta, Ga.
8-1-46

WASHINGTON, July 31—(AP)—G-Men are investigating the Ku Klux Klan in seven States, the Justice Department disclosed Wednesday.

The inquiry, directed by Atty. Gen. Clark, a Texan, is being conducted by the Department's Civil Rights Section, assisted by the FBI. The seven States are New York, Michigan, Tennessee, Florida, California, Mississippi and Georgia.

The Department promised swift criminal prosecution if violations of Federal law are uncovered. And if Federal statutes do not cover any criminal acts which may be discovered, the evidence will be turned over to State authorities where they request it.

The Government is concerned principally with possible violations of Federal election laws and of two civil rights statutes. One of these makes it illegal to conspire to deprive a person of his civil rights. The other makes it a Federal offense for any State official, such as a deputy sheriff, to use his official power in such a way as to deprive an individual of rights guaranteed by the Constitution. 8-1-46

WIDESPREAD COMPLAINT

Although the investigation now is confined to seven States, complaints are pouring in from all sections of the country about renewed Klan activities, the Department said. It added this does not necessarily indicate the hooded order is operating throughout the nation since many complaints from the North and West are directed against alleged Klan activities in the South.

Most of the protests come from individuals, labor unions and civil rights societies. Complaints which name individuals allegedly involved in Klan activities are turned over to the FBI which makes investigations for the Civil Rights section.

The Department said the Klan investigation began several weeks before Clark, in an address at Philadelphia May 18, threatened prosecution of the Klan as a civil liberties foe.

"ORGANIZED BIGOTRY"

Speaking before the National Conference on Citizenship, Clark singled out the Klan as an example of "organized bigotry." He declared all Federal laws at my command will be enforced to the very limit in stamping out any organization or group which aims at extermination of our priceless civil liberties."

He asserted "We must rid ourselves of such things as organized bigotry—and I mean specifically such an excrescence as the Ku Klux Klan."

The Department said its investigation includes two specific complaints of alleged Klan intimidation against Negroes.

One involves a Florida city where the Klan allegedly co-operated with certain local officials in recent months, no violence, no crime, has been laid at the door of the modern Ku Klux Klan. This "Klan" is now proving of precious value to politicians seeking office in some of the "Liberalized" cities of great Northern states. The News and Courier doubts that Governor Dewey or Senator Mead would be scared out of their wits by a fiery cross. Still, they talk that way, and they are not without wits. There is no danger in a fiery cross unless somebody sets an old field or a house afire with it. 8-10-46

Casually surveying the events of the time in the United States and what is painted there.

Would Not Scare Them

News and Courier Charleston S.C.

Outlaw Klan, Bilbo, UAW Board Demands

Daily Worker, New York, N.Y.
Mon 8-9-46

DETROIT, Aug. 11.—The UAW International Executive Board unanimously adopted a resolution proposed by R. T. Leonard the union's PAC director urging all locals to participate in initiating mass protest demonstrations and marches to halt the rising Ku Klux Klan terror in America

The board also took note of U. S. Senator Billbo's open admission of Klan membership over a national radio hookup Friday night and instructed its Resolutions Committee to prepare more than a resolution. Leonard said later to newsmen that something more than resolutions is needed now on such a flagrant Fascist as Bilbo.

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The PAC director declared that labor and the people of the nation must move for impeachment and unseating of such blots on the American political scene.

The UAW board also gave full support to the Aug. 18 memorium march in Detroit to the Sojourner Truth monument. The march is in commemoration of the Lynch victims in Georgia. More than 40 organizations will participate.

THE KU KLUX KLAN was condemned yesterday by the AMVETS National Executive Committee.

"The attempt to bring back the un-American atmosphere of the Ku Klux Klan period, between the two wars, through the revival of that and similar organizations has been widely publicized," the World War II vet organization said. "It is time for Americans to awaken to this peril and to combat it at every turn."

In a clause linking communism and fascism, the AMVETS executive committee accepted the Ku Klux Klan definition of subversion.

Klan and Bund

The Courier Pittsburgh, Pa. Sat. 8-24-46

The discovery of Georgia's Assistant Attorney General Daniel Duke that the Ku Klux Klan has ties with the American-German Bund is not surprising to anyone who has studied the two organizations.

Visiting New York and New Jersey for evidence to be used to revoke the charter of the Georgia KKK, Mr. Duke found plenty.

Both Attorney General Nathaniel Goldstein of New York State and the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League gave Mr. Duke enough information to thoroughly discredit the hooded order as the "patriotic" organization, as it claims to be.

According to Mr. Duke, "The Klan and the Bund laid plans just before Pearl Harbor to merge into one huge anti-American combine. After the war started and the Bund was dissolved, collaboration was continued by leaders of the two organizations," and it seems that Klan and former Bund leaders addressed joint meetings.

It was further revealed that during the recent Georgia primaries one of the leading candidates for Governor made a special trip to New York, lunched with Wilson D. Bush, and appealed to him for funds to aid in the candidate's campaign.

As we say, these revelations are not surprising, since the Nazis copied their racial line from the Ku Klux Klan, and even sent a commission to this country in the summer of 1937 to study the Southern racial laws which they promptly embodied in their anti-Jewish decrees.

What more natural than that these two organizations should pool their interests and efforts in the hope of winning power in this country?

This possibility is not nearly as remote as some of our optimists might think, considering events of the past few weeks.

After all, Hitler started with less than a score of members in his National Socialist Workers Party, and look how far he got!

The Klan and Labor

The Courier Pittsburgh, Pa. Sat. 8-22-46

One of the major problems confronting both the Congress of Industrial Organizations and the older American Federation of Labor in their twin drives to organize the unorganized workers, black and white, in the Southern States is how to deal with the threat of the Ku Klux Klan.

After six weeks of preliminary work, the CIO has found the going fairly easy, after Van Bittner's strong repudiation of proferred aid from Communist-controlled propaganda groups in the East, with many employers "going along" with the organization in its drive to unionize all Southern workers.

It is yet too early to find out whether the CIO-PAC political activities will interfere with or aid the economic drive, but already several political demagogues of the Talmadge stripe have begun to wave the bloody shirt and charge the unionists with disturbing "cordial" relations between the races.

The Ku Klux Klan, which has been recently revived and is seeking money and members among the unintelligent, is trying to capitalize on this labor drive which is characterized as a foreign menace.

Last week the AFL charged that a Negro labor unionist at Gordon, Ga., had been kidnapped and beaten up by hooded bullies of the KKK because he refused to give up his union card.

AFL officials have protested to Governor Arnall to take prompt punitive action against the hooded order for this outrage, and if the Governor lives up to his past reputation he will certainly act.

The great difficulty which the two great aggregations of labor is going to encounter in the future is what to do about those Klansmen who are themselves members of CIO or AFL unions.

It has been charged that along with many policemen in various Southern cities, there are also union members who belong to the clandestine organization.

Obviously, the unions cannot effectively fight the Ku Klux Klan if any appreciable proportion of their members are active in the Ku Klux Klan.

What both CIO and AFL unions should do now is to demand the enactment of State laws making hooded organizations like the Ku Klux Klan criminal outfits, and thus forcing them to unmask and reveal who they are.

Such a law has been asked by Governor Arnall of Georgia, and the labor unions of that State should back him to the limit. Sat 6-22-46

As long as it is a hooded outfit with unknown membership, the Ku Klux Klan can be used by anti-labor forces throughout the South in an effort to stay the march of unionization; and that it will be so used, no one need doubt.

Reports Of Klan Alliance With Bund Draws A Probe

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By BRACK CURRY

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1.—(AP)—Government agents are investigating reports that the old German-American Bund is renewing its activities and has formed an alliance with the Ku Klux Klan, Asst. Atty. Gen. Lamar Caudle said today.

This disclosure followed quickly on the Justice Department's statement that it has evidence that the Klan and the Bund collaborated for four years prior to the war.

Security Division Probe

Caudle, head of the department's criminal division, told a reporter that the inquiry into alleged new Bund operations is being made by the department's internal security division.

This division is charged with surveillance over potentially subversive organizations and individuals. It has been expanded to cope with such contingencies as the reported Klan-Bund alliance.

Caudle said: "The internal security section of the criminal division is probing reports of an alleged revival of the German-American Bund under new names and guises and the possibility of an alliance between such subversive groups and the Klu Klux Klan."

The Bund—a prewar organization—has been nominally defunct since Dec. 7, 1941. But as late as July 7, 1942, the Justice Department charged that it had continued "its conspiracies" into the war period.

At that time 46 leaders of the organization in eight states were charged with conspiracy to defeat the Selective Service Act and conspiracy to violate the Alien Registration Act.

Reports Membership

The FBI, after a comprehensive investigation of Bund activities, reported in 1939 that the organization had 6,617 members. The report asserted that one of its main objectives was to foster "Germanism and German ideals" in the United States.

The Justice Department said in a statement in 1942 that for 18 years the Bund "worked unceasingly in behalf of the German Reich and against the interests of America." It termed the organization "un-American."

Another Justice Department official told an interviewer that government agents have uncovered evidence linking the Bund and the Klan from 1937 to 1941.

The official, who is fully acquainted with the evidence but who cannot be identified, said documents seized by the agents "definitely prove that the two organizations collaborated to promote racial and religious dissension prior to the war."

7 States Investigation

The evidence was unearthed during an investigation of Klan activities in New York, Michigan, Tennessee, Florida, California, Mississippi and Georgia.

The official said the evidence of prewar Klan-Bund collaboration includes: Wed. 10-2-46

1. Documentary statements that in 1937 the two organizations considered forming an anti-labor third party in an effort to align labor against other elements of the population.

2. Records of a joint meeting by certain Klan and Bund officials at Camp Nordland, N. Y., in 1940.

3. An affidavit that an assistant Bund director stated in 1937 that the Bund was cooperating with the Klan and "similar organizations" since "our aims are similar in many ways."

Terming these "just a sample" of the evidence of Klan-Bund

Kluxers In South States to Cooperate In Drive Against Klan

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ATLANTA—Bearing the "trade mark" of the Klan on his body, a Rev. Grady R. Kent, 38-year-old preacher was jerked from a suburban restaurant by two men with deputy sheriff's credentials, taken to the woods, stripped of outer clothing, and lashed 62 times with bull whips before losing consciousness. After reviving him, they proceeded to Atlanta to assist the Ar-ed to kick him in the abdomen and left him bleeding.

For committing the sin of "preaching too loud," Rev. Kent has been threatened by the Klan for the past seven years. In 1939, while pastor of the Church of God in Egan Park, the Knoxville minister was jerked from a suburban restaurant by two men with deputy sheriff's credentials, taken to the woods, stripped of outer clothing, and lashed 62 times with bull whips before losing consciousness. After reviving him, they proceeded to Atlanta to assist the Ar-ed to kick him in the abdomen and left him bleeding.

Duke came to New Jersey on request of Gov. Ellis Arnall of Georgia to determine if there was a link between the Klan and the German-American Bund.

Issuing a joint statement following the two officials said that both states would exchange evidence against the Klan.

On old enemy of the Klan, the Rev. Grady R. Kent, 38-year-old preacher was jerked from a suburban restaurant by two men with deputy sheriff's credentials, taken to the woods, stripped of outer clothing, and lashed 62 times with bull whips before losing consciousness. After reviving him, they proceeded to Atlanta to assist the Ar-ed to kick him in the abdomen and left him bleeding.

"These may lead to an extension of the investigation to other states."

The official said, adding: "These may lead to an extension of the investigation to other states."

White Victim Fights Klan

Chicago, Ill. Wednesday

TRENTON, N. J., Aug. 7 (UP)—Attorney General Walter D. Van Riper and Georgia Assistant Attorney General Daniel Duke today pledged

A number of new complaints of alleged violations of civil mutual cooperation in a campaign rights by the Klan have been re- to revoke the charter of the Ku

Scores Big Bear Valley Intimidation

California's Att'y General Seeks To Revoke State's KKK Charter

Pittsburgh Courier Pittsburgh, Pa.

By J. CULLEN FENTRESS, Los Angeles Bureau

LOS ANGELES—Steps were taken here this week by Attorny General Robert W. Kenny to strip the Ku Klux Klan of its legal robe in the State of California.

Action was taken after it was learned that (1) 100 Klan clubs are operating in Southern California. (2) five colored day laborers had been intimidated in Big Bear Valley, a summer resort one hundred miles from here, and (3) fiery crosses had been burned to prevent the sale of property to persons of Jewish faith.

The attorney general revealed that he has been conducting an investigation into the possible revival of the Klan in California for about two years.

NEW YORK—The Moscow radio in a broadcast, reported that all important Russian newspapers were giving banner headlines to the revival of the Ku Klux Klan in the United States. The Russian newspapers listed Klan activities in Freeport, L. I., Georgia, Florida, Tennessee and California.

AGENTS FIND EVIDENCE

He said his agents found Klan activities very much alive in Big Bear Valley. The agents, posing as prospective Klansmen, quoted one villager as saying: "We burned a couple of crosses and it brought results. It stopped the sale of at least one piece of property. When you want a little dirty work done, we'll come down and do it, and we'll expect you to come up here when we want some dirty work done." Sat-4.20.46

The five Negro day laborers were carried into Big Bear Valley each morning and returned to their homes outside the community at night, until the Klan notified them to stay out. They have not appeared in the village since.

The Klan draws a "line between Catholics, Protestants and Negroes," the attorney general's agents were told by some of the Big Valley Kluxers.

WOULD REVOKE CHARTER

Quo warranto proceedings were expected to be drawn to strip the Klansmen of their power. Proceedings in Superior Court, if successful, would revoke the charter of the Klan which was incorporated in 1921 and again certified in 1931.

The attorney general announced his plans to institute a move to dissolve the Klan after questioning the Rev. Wesley A. Swift, said to be a follower of Gerald L. K. Smith, and Ray J. Schneider, admitted former kleagle of the Klan.

Swift, 32, refused to be sworn after he had been subpoenaed before the attorney general. Swift's address before a meeting of the American Legion of Big Bear Valley threw the spotlight on renewed activity of Klan activity in California.

Schneider, although he refused to answer some questions on the grounds that he had taken the Klan oath, talked enough to give the attorney general and his aides enough leads which they expect to use in uncovering more evidence of Klan activity. Sat. 5-20-46

MEET IN HOTEL

Schneider denied that the Klan is still alive here, but admitted that "card" or "fellowship" clubs are being conducted by the Klan throughout Southern California. He said one meeting place is a hotel room near the State Building.

NEW YORK — Klansmen in New York have come out of hiding. They hurled threats last week at citizens who are demanding the prosecution of Patrolman Joseph Romeika for the Feb. 25 murder of Charles and Alonzo Ferguson and the wounding of a third brother in Freeport, L. I. Leaders of the Klan were challenged at a mass rally held in Manhattan Center last Tuesday night.

Asked the purpose of the Klan, Schneider said: "To promote Christianity from the bottom up."

Attorney General Kenny commended the Big Bear Post of the American Legion for getting Swift "to come out into the open."

Through information obtained from the two men, Mr. Kenny expects to put his hands on the Klan terrorists.

FIND ELECTRIC CROSS

The minister who quoted as saying, "The Klan is here in Bear Valley to stay. We intend to form restrictive covenants here and elsewhere in order to hold the line of pure Americanism."

Meanwhile, officers working out of the attorney general's office said they found thousands of pieces of Klan literature, a portable electric cross and KKK uniforms in a building on South Grand Street. A Klan calling card also fell into the hands of the attorney general. It read: "The Klan is riding again. We need strong men."

Constable Coy Brown, chief law enforcement officer at Big Bear Lake, was called to testify. He said he was not a Klansman and had no prejudices toward any race or any religious sect. His only knowledge of Klan activities was by "the grapevine," he declared.

OFFER AID

Joining in the drive to rid California of the Klan were Sheriff Eugene W. Biscailuz and Los Angeles County District Attorney Fred Howser. Sat-3.30-46

"I believe it is to be especially regretted that the Klan movements should be undertaken at a time when the entire world is trying to recover from the wounds caused by bigotry and intolerance," Biscailuz said. "My office will do everything possible in investigating activities of a character which may involve violations of the law."

Hard-hitting 41-year-old District Attorney Howser said:

"The Ku Klux Klan has no place in our present day life. I am definitely opposed to witch-hunting, a practice of mediaeval times. If the Klan had its way there would be no district attorney's office nor the orderly processes of justice. Their method of singling out individuals and groups to terrorize cannot and will not be condoned by any conscientious American citizen."

TAKES OATH

The Examiner Los Angeles Calif.

However he recanted and held his hand over an "imaginary Bible" and swore to tell the truth.

Schneider organized the "Heart and Hand Society" shortly before the KKK was dissolved.

The witness said "from all he could learn" the KKK has had no part in recent acts of terrorism here which are being attributed to the Klan by Communists as a means of recruiting Negroes and Jews, according to Monday's testimony. Wed.

Sam Moore, radio script writer for "The Great Gildersleeve" show, denied being a Communist or taking part in subversive activities. 10-9-46

Mrs. Edith Putnam Mangold of the Citizens Committee for Better Education told of her group inviting a speaker from the Mobilization for Democracy, but denied the committee had subversive leanings.

Ties Disclosed As Revival Stirs U.S.

Chicago Defender Chicago, Illinois

LONDON—As the Ku Klux Klan stirred its ugly carcass into renewed activity, sensational charges were made this week that its leaders had collaborated with European nazis and fascists prior to World War II. Sat 4-27-46

In a radio broadcast from Moscow, Peter Orlov, leading Russian commentator, disclosed to English listeners that secret documents discovered by the Russians in Berlin, show that Hitler and Mussolini had direct contact with American Klan leaders.

With the beginning of this secret pact, a vicious network of ideas on how to make "white supremacy" a paying proposition was exchanged between the European fascists and American Klan leaders, it was charged.

Attempted Revival Told

Orlov, during his broadcast, reviewed the rise and fall and the attempted resurrection of the KKK in America. He explained a pre-war system which linked American fascists with Berlin through special agents and German consuls in the United States.

The commentator's description of present Klan activities was in connection with a denunciation of the Anglo-Saxon "Herrenvolk" attitude toward persons not of the white race.

Orlov's exposition of Klan activities in Europe, comes on the heels of an effort to smash a post-war revival of the American terrorists in several states. Sat 4-27-46

Rebirth In California

Leading the attack of the KKK's resurrection in California is Atty. Gen. Robert W. Kenny who acted to dissolve the Klan's charter following its activities in that state.

An investigation revealed the KKK's rebirth in California was spearheaded by a henchman of Gerald L. K. Smith, ace rabble rouser and hate monger, leader of the America First Party, recently sentenced to 60 days in Chicago for sedition.

Further developments disclosed five Negro workers were barred from Big Bear Valley, 100 miles from Los Angeles, by Klansmen. The probe also revealed four crosses were burned in the Valley.

Near a section of land the owners of which planned to sell to a Jewish purchaser, the Klan warned the owner with a flaming cross. Smith's henchman, preacher, told the White Bear Valley American Legion Post:

"The Klan is here in Bear Valley to stay. We intend to form restrictive covenants here and elsewhere in order to hold the line of pure Americanism." Sat-4-27-46

Two investigators from Attorney General Kenny's office, posing as potential Klansmen from an adjacent community, reported restaurant proprietor told them:

Probe Reveals Activities

"We burned a couple of crosses; it brought results. It stopped the sale of at least one piece of property. When you want a little dirty work done, we'll come down and do it and we'll expect you to come up here when we want some dirty work done."

Other disclosures listed were:

1. More than 100 Klan clubs are active in southern California, one in the shadow of the state office building in Los Angeles Civic Center.

2. The Klan was holding open meetings in downtown Los Angeles.

3. Klan robes, hoods, thousands of Klan pamphlets, and an eight-foot electric "fiery cross" was found in a raid on a downtown building.

Move To Crush Order

Pushing his investigation to crush the secret order, Attorney General Kenny promised to throw the full weight of the state behind his law enforcement agencies.

In New York last week City Councilman Benjamin A. Davis Jr., and other state leaders urged 2,000 citizens attending a rally to demand that Gov. Thomas E. Dewey probe the issuance of a charter to the KKK by Secretary of State Tom Curran.

Attempted revival of the Klan in New York gained momentum when citizens of Freeport, L. I. demanded the prosecution of a white patrolman who killed two discharged Army veterans and wounded a third. All were brothers celebrating a reunion after their release. Sat 4-27-46

KKK Sweeps South

Burning of a Negro family's home in Miami, Fla., recently set the Klan in motion in that state. KKK terrorists declared they burned the home because it was too close to whites.

Sweeping through the South like a spiral of destruction, the KKK made its terrorism felt in Alabama when its members set fire to a Negro school, forcing it to close.

Flaming crosses lit the skies in Tennessee, Georgia, Florida, and other sections of the East and deep South.

Following recent activities of the KKK in Florida, CIO leaders have demanded of the Department of Justice that it investigate the Klan and everything it represents.

In its program of intimidation and disunity, the KKK agenda reads: Negroes first, Jews second, and Catholics later.

What Is Clark Waiting For?

Daily Worker New York, N. Y.

GEORGIA'S assistant district attorney's revelation that the Ku Klux Klan and the German-American bund were working together in a great anti-American conspiracy is neither new nor startling to those who have been fighting American fascism.

It does, however, have the merit of once again calling attention of the public the subversive, fascist character of the KKK. It demonstrates the logic of the KKK mentality. Wed 8-14-46

It also gives the federal government plenty of leeway for acting against the KKK, something Attorney General Tom Clark has been extremely chary about doing. And it provides the U.S. Senate with plenty of reason for refusing to seat Sen. Bilbo, self-confessed member of the KKK.

Objectives of Original Ku Klux Klan Hailed, Defended in History Books

Afro-American

N.Y. High School Pupils Made to Think Slavery Was Justified, Freedom an Error

Baltimore, Md.

By RICHARD DIER
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NEW YORK—American history books used as required reading in New York City's junior high and high school classrooms, represent a more vile distortion of historical facts and deliberate slandering of the colored race than those used in public schools.

This is revealed by the Teachers' Union in its special report on undemocratic textbooks to the AFRO.

The books harp on the "ignorance and carelessness of the Southern slave, who was as free as a lark, had no worry in the world, and was completely unfit for his new-found freedom after the Civil War."

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The white plantation owners are pitied, and the Reconstruction Period is pictured by these reactionary historians as an era of corruption and darkness, into which the Ku Klux Klan had to step to save the honor of the South.

Pity Planters

In "Freedom Road," Howard Fast describes the Reconstruction Period as an era into which the Freedmen threw themselves wholeheartedly and accepted their responsibilities courageously.

"The Story of American Democracy" by Casner-Gabriel, in a chapter devoted to South Carolina, relating how bad conditions were there before the Civil War, says:

"The planter's wife was wearing an evening gown two or three years old. The planter had a worried look. The plantation was farmed by uneducated and careless slaves.

"They worked in gangs, each bossed by a Negro driver with a whip, which occasionally fell upon the backs of the slow or lazy."

Freed but Starved

Discussing the reaction of slaves to their new freedom, it continues:

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"Naturally, it was hard for the Negroes suddenly to have to plan their own lives. They had never looked after their own affairs.

"Thousands of former slaves, thinking that freedom meant getting away from the old plantations, began to roam about the country. As a result, many soon faced starvation."

KKK Defended

"The Story of Our Country" by West and West, pointing out that the KKK was needed to stop corruption and disorder in the South states:

"When one old Negress was asked why she had left her master's place, she answered, 'What fur? Joy my freedom!' And many of them did enjoy their freedom in strange and alarming ways.

"They had no idea of earning a living. Some were sure the government was going to give them 40 acres and a mule. Others thought freedom meant no work at all."

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Lawless Freedmen

Throughout the text, repeated reference is made to "the ignorant Negro voters," to emphasize that all colored voters were ignorant.

Going into the matter of the KKK, it says:

"Southern whites feared disorders from the lawless bands of ex-slaves roaming about their homes. So, some of them formed a secret society known as the Ku Klux Klan in order to gain what they wanted by frightening the superstitious Negroes."

Charges Laziness

A favorite high school text, authored by the so-called "liberal," Charles A. Beard, and several others, "America, Yesterday and Today," states that the South had to pass laws to make the lazy colored people work, because they were roaming about the country and stealing food.

"In the struggle to break Negro control in the days of Reconstruction, all the white people, rich and poor, had united," it says.

Slavery Condoned

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"America's March Toward Democracy" by Harold Rugg, condones slavery with this defensive assertion:

"In considering the difficult problem of slavery in America, we must remember that for thousands of years the right of people to hold others in slavery was scarcely ever questioned."

Rugg also declares his sympathy for the KKK by saying:

"The force used by the Klan was sometimes brutal and wrong but so were the things the carpetbaggers were doing.

"The latter were often corrupt, and their Negro tools were, with few exceptions, ignorant and incapable of governing. Thus the white planters, having no other means of protection, attempted through a secret organization to fight fire with fire."

This vicious text makes a play for the pity of the reader for the plantation owner's wife, in whose charge slaves were placed and who was responsible for their well-being . . . poor woman.

It declares that:

"The lady of the plantation could never be sure when she would have to turn nurse and doctor either in her great house or in the 'quarters,' as the row of one-room log cabins or whitewashed frame cabins of the Negroes was called.

"If the 'Missus' failed to attend to the hurts of the pickaninnies or grown-ups, there was sure to be whining and crying in the slave quarters."

Northern Scribe Quoted

Of course, no mention is made of the colored women who raised and reared the white plantation children. That is conveniently left out.

"The Growth of the American People" by Jernegan and others, quotes the statement of James S. Pike, a Northern journalist, who visited South Carolina in 1873, for the purpose of checking up on the evils of the carpetbaggers.

Pike wrote:

"The legislature is almost literally a 'Black Parliament,' and it is the only one on the face of the earth which is the representative of a white constituency and the professed exponent of an advanced type of modern civilization. . . .

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Black Rule

"The speaker is black, the clerk is black, the doorkeepers are black, the little pages are black, and the chairman of the ways and means committee is black, and the chaplain is coal black.

"The mass of black representatives, however, in other respects, were here seen to be well schooled in the arts of corruption."

David S. Muzzey, one of our foremost American historians and a renowned professor at Columbia University, does no better in his book, "A History of Our Country." Picturing the Reconstruction Period as a sorry affair, he says:

South Defended

"Deprived of any legal means of defense against such iniquitous government, the South naturally resorted to intimidation.

"Secret organizations took advantage of the Negroes' superstition and fear to force them back into a position of social and political obscurity.

"The time and energy which the Southerners should have had to devote to their economic recovery was absorbed in the struggle to wrest political control from the carpetbaggers and keep the Negroes in their social place."

Orchids for Dixie

Describing the South as "almost maddened by the intolerable situation," Muzzey states that, "The ex-Confederates took action to bring back good sense and decency to political leadership."

Evidently what he calls "good sense and decency" is the poll tax, white primaries, and one-party rule in the South.

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"The first step," Muzzey adds, "toward driving out the unfitted freedmen and unscrupulous carpetbaggers was the formation of secret societies known as the Ku Klux Klan and the Knights of the White Camelia."

Grand Ruler Of Georgia Klan 'Pays Visit To The Boys Here'

Birmingham News

BY TOMMY HILL
News Staff Writer

The medium-sized man with the small, greying moustache looked up and down the ramp at Municipal Airport last night, took a fresh grip on the bulging brown manila envelope in his hand, then smiled as he saw two familiar faces in the crowd. Soon he was whisked away into the night. . . .

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Thus, with no more fanfare than would result from a meeting of three tired business men, Dr. Samuel Green, grand dragon of all of Georgia's Ku Klux Klan members arrived in Birmingham to "visit with the boys."

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There was no hint of thundering white-robed horsemen, nor burning crosses as the Atlanta physician was met at the airport by Dr. E. P. Pruett, Birmingham physician and exalted cyclops of Alabama Klansmen, and rushed away to a secret meeting with local Klan officials.

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"The "dragon's" visit to the Magic City followed by less than a week the burning of five crosses atop historic Stone Mountain near Atlanta and witnessed by more than 2,0000 people. During the two-hour ritual, more than 500 new members were taken into the organization of the invisible empire, which was founded on Halloween night, 1866 in Pulaski, Tenn.

DURING A SHORT interview at the airport, Dr. Green was forthright and quick to come to the point with answers to questions—when answers were given. . . .

His fiery tongue—often almost as burning as the traditional crosses of the Klan—lashed out at Ralph McGill, Atlanta's newspapers, communism, and the CIO.

The mild-appearing Atlanta physician declared that chief opposition to the Klan in Atlanta came from a fear that if the Klan were not killed, Eugene Talmadge would be elected governor.

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"Of all the candidates in the race," Dr. Green said, "Talmadge is the only strong one to favor white supremacy openly. The opposition fears that if the Klan grows strong, Talmadge will do the same."

Dr. Green said that this didn't necessarily mean that the Klan was endorsing Talmadge for governor.

"You can draw your own conclusions," he said. . .

Friday

"My visit to Birmingham," the doctor declared, "has no connecti whatsoever with the current Alabama political campaigns. We merely are going to talk over organization plans with the fellows here."

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CONCURRENT WITH the burning of the crosses atop Stone Mountain, reports were circulated in Birmingham that a number of crosses had been burned here—one near North Birmingham, but Klan officials here were unable to confirm all the reports. One local Klan official said that some crosses were burned here by Klansmen going to the Atlanta rituals. It was understood that approximately 600 members of the "new Klan" attended the rites in the Georgia city.

Dr. Green's blast at McGill and the Georgia newspapers came one night after McGill, in a lecture here, had compared the spirit behind the Klan with Hitlerism, and had asserted that "as long as the Ku Klux Klan is active, as long as the church and decent people don't speak out against the Klan, then Hitler is still alive. . . ."

"The Klan is a protestant organization," Dr. Green said. "We plan no violence, and people who have done no wrong need have no fear that we will harm them. Every Klansman takes an oath to observe the constituted authority of law, and never take the law into his own hands.

"The Klan, however, is against every ism in the world, except Americanism. We will fight communism in all its forms, and wherever it hits, we shall strike back."

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THE DOCTOR STRESSED that the "white supremacy" theme still keynoted Klan activities, but that no violence was being planned agaist the "good Negroes."

"In the South," he continued, "we always have been able to get along with Negroes. Most of our racial trouble comes as the result of some misguided Northern friends.

"They have tried to kill the Klan many times, but today it is very much alive. . . ."

Activities of the Klan have been kept under cover for many years in Birmingham, but during recent weeks, a large number of members have been passing membership applications to former members and to prospective new members. It is understood that a goal of 150,000 has been set for Alabama by the end of the year.

Shafts at Random. Sent

The Mississippi Sentinel

Not in defense of their faces by Ku Klux Klan we remark that, however it ton. The News and Courier is without may have served them in their knowledge of the present or former members intimidate or to break the law, it bership in the masked society, but it has the conveniences of denouncers heard rumors, many of them, that it was not ees by members of the so-called mous membership in an address in Charles- Had a list of names of persons confined to capitalists, economic royalists, Carolina who have been members tories or exclusively to the humbler varie- n" been available and published, ties of politicians. Mr. Green's shafts like een, Esq., president of the Ameri- those sometimes at random sent by archers

THE KLAN WAS RECHARTERED a few months ago in Georgia as an organization for "white gentiles." Activities in Alabama was big enough for two major la- and Tennessee, it is understood, bor parties. are guided from Georgia headquarters.

Dr. Green said he believed in the principles of organized labor, and Americans. However," he asserted. efforts to intimidate the "dragon." said that Klan ac- The "dragon," who is a Sunday tivities during the war had lagged, School teacher in Atlanta, re- but activities were being accel- turned to Atlanta by plane after erated rapidly at the present time. the secret meeting with Klansmen

"The Klan has never been dead," he declared. "here.

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Don't Play the Klan Cheap

The Afro-American, Baltimore, Md.

The estimable Raleigh (N.C.) News and Observer, in a recent editorial, "Ku Klux Klan Not Sectional," deplored what it called a tendency to place all blame for the Klan upon the South.

Commenting upon the report that there was evidence of KKK activity in Pennsylvania, a Northern State, The Observer argued: Sat. 9-21-46

"The South has enough sins to answer for, but except in a few places the KKK is not tolerated. The virus of hooded prejudice is confined to no section. It should be driven out wherever it raises its head."

This statement is such an admixture of truth and falsity that we can't afford to let it pass without comment. Most of us know that the KKK is not only tolerated but openly encouraged in most sections of the South. North Carolina, being one of the more enlightened Southern States, escapes the stigma attached to Mississippi, Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Tennessee and some of the others, but it is in States like these that there are greater population concentrations and attendant tensions. We can't close our eyes to this.

And as for the need of driving out prejudice wherever it raises its ugly head, The Observer is on firm ground, but even there, it should keep in mind that the spread of racial antipathies has been from South to North rather than vice versa. It is Southerners who transport their prejudices with them who have contributed so much toward creating a "color" problem in the North.

So, whether North Carolina feels any of the responsibility for the South or not, it should not close its eyes and ears to the facts. Abolish the KKK in the South and we will have cut out the heart of a monster which can endanger the entire nation.

Make no bones about it, the KKK represents a vicious criminal conspiracy which would seek to turn one group against another through racial and religious bigotry. And unless its night shirted members are dealt with as criminals, none of us is safe.

Actually, what concerns us most is to rid the nation of the things for which the Klan stands, because all of the hate-drenched bigots in this country are not necessarily all Klan members. We're after them. too.

Stop The Klan's Growth!

The News, Birmingham, Ala.
Sat. 8-17-46

Georgia's assistant attorney general, Dan Duke, is special prosecutor in our neighboring state's attempt to invalidate the national charter of the Ku Klux Klan. He has been in New York investigating the association which the Klan has had in times past with the German-American Bund. Evidence gathered by the Anti-Nazi League a few years ago seems to point conclusively to just such a relationship. It is not hard to believe, for despite the Klan's frantic cries that it espouses Americanism, its obvious bias away from democratic procedures is known to all. In its anti-Negro, anti-Jewish and anti-Catholic attitude it is much closer to Fascist doctrine than it is to what Americanism means. Sat 8-17-46

The Klan has well-developed plans for expansion, Mr. Duke insists. Should there come an economic slump in this country, he says, the time would be ripe for a huge growth in Klan membership. Its leaders are already hoping to propagandize the possible unemployed and, by appealing to prejudice, expect to build up their organization with malcontents. It is hard to believe that veterans would lend themselves to such exploitation, for they of all groups should know what opposition to democratic processes can do to society and government.

But when a man is hungry and without work, he is fertile ground for Klan propaganda and might lend his support and person to the promises that Klan leaders would undoubtedly make. The analogy to what happened in Germany in the early thirties is obvious. Minority groups could easily become the scapegoats, and personal hatreds would thrive on prejudices which discontented men already possess.

Mr. Duke is undoubtedly right in his gloomy prognostication. Therefore, the efforts to dislodge the Klan from any place of importance in America must never cease. Georgia and New York are taking the lead in attempting to destroy the Klan before it has a chance to become powerful. All other states should use their legal apparatus to cooperate to the same end.

Asheville N. C. Citizen
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KLAN TALK

It has long been the feeling of The Citizen that the South and the Nation were in danger of being over-sold on the importance of a resurgent Ku Klux Klan, to the detriment both of the regional and the national welfare. Of course, every decent person detests the principles which motivate these purveyors of racial and religious hatred. Yet a highly publicized menace has a way of becoming attractive to weak minds.

For this reason we are glad to note that a spokesman for the Southern Conference for Human Welfare has told a New York audience that the "great majority of enlightened Southern white people are opposed to the Klan and can be brought into the field to outlaw its existence." Indeed, this already has been done in the State of Kentucky, and vigorous efforts along the same line are under way in other states, notably Georgia.

It does not follow, however, that "reactionary plantation owners and industrialists who have no use for democracy" are to blame for the revival of the Klan. Some of them, undoubtedly, yes. But where the Klan has cropped up again in some hideous subterranean thrust of intolerance and hatred its ranks most often have been identified as "little people" without any particular sponsorship and without motive save the prejudice engendered by hate, ignorance, idleness or a lust for misbegotten authority. In one large Southern city, for instance, a number of local police officers were discovered among the Klan membership.

The essential stipulation, however, remains true. The "great majority of enlightened Southern white people" are as much opposed to the Klan as enlightened people are opposed to such benighted institutions anywhere. Let us remember also that the Klan in its modern incarnation is not peculiar to the Southern states. But it flourishes everywhere on publicity and scare-head viewing with alarm. We suggest that the less said about it, the better.

KLAN IN SOUTH KEEPS UNDER COVER

The Times New York, N.Y.
Sun. 9-1-46

ATLANTA, Ga., Aug. 31—Any appraisal of the Ku Klux Klan, its strength and its activities, must be what is called "a negative report," in military language, at the present moment, but it is discerned, at least, that the organization may be once again on a post-war upsurge. Most of the discussion one hears in this part of the country was inspired by the surprise announcement by Senator Theodore G. Bilbo of Mississippi that he is a member of the Klan.

Whatever the Klan is doing, either in the way of gaining members or of carrying out its avowed mission of eradicating communism in the United States, it is doing under heavy cover.

Old Allegiances

On the other hand, it is common knowledge through most of the South that small groups of men are acting as Klans, whether or not they are in approved ritualistic relations with the supposedly non-existent parent body. They meet secretly and they keep their membership lists secret. Their activities are probably unimportant as yet, but they are not generally known.

What seems to be happening in Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee is that former Klan members are beginning to feel the stirrings of old allegiances and are combining with younger men suffering from similar apprehensions.

Their meeting ground is the spectre of returned Negro war veterans "getting out of their place" as a result of the aspirations for social equality which it is presumed they will have gained during their military service.

For example, the explanation given by a Klansman of the recent shooting of two Negroes and their wives at Monroe, Ga., is that one of the men had come back from the war a "bad" Negro.

It is alleged that he was beating his wife so severely that she fled for protection to the house of the white man he stabbed in the ensuing altercation. The stabbing was bad enough, but this account of the tragedy has it that what really stirred local indignation to the lynching point was the alleged order of the Negro to the white man to "call me mister in the future."

Interference Resented

The same Klansman is certain that none of his ritualistic brethren is involved in the Monroe lynching because he knows there has been no Klan there for twenty years. He is equally certain that operatives of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and of the Federal Bureau of Investigation will get no evidence against the perpetrators of the outrage because of local resentment against "outside interference."

He is of the opinion that the local Sheriff, without outside help, could have brought the culprits to justice, and he professes to believe they should be punished.

What must be remembered is that many substantial citizens in the South joined the Klan just after the Civil War. Many of them renounced the organization when it was ridiculed into slumber in the succeeding decade, but to a certain number of them that renunciation was a matter of expediency and not of principle.

The issue of "white supremacy" is far from moribund in the South, and the Klan's principal ammunition was usually puzzled at the tepid attitude of Southern friends they have come to regard as "lib-

Impatient reformers from the North are usually puzzled at the tepid attitude of Southern friends. Despite a marked advance in willingness of many native Southerners to enlarge the Negro's educational and economic horizons, there is still practically unanimous insistence on traditional "segregation," outlawing social contacts of all kinds between whites and Negroes. This extends to almost universal approval of all Jim Crow regulations.

erals" in regard to sudden abolition of century-old sociological customs. In discussions with less open-minded Klan member, by his account, of twenty-five years' standing.

He has worked up through the hierarchy by devoted service, and says he has never committed a crime or conspired to commit one. He asserts the Klan is traduced and misrepresented, mainly by the press of the country, and feels it would enjoy widespread support if thoroughly understood.

Outline of Activities

Although he guards ritualistic secrets and names of members, Dr. Green is far from reticent about what the Klan does, as he sees it. He disclaims all racial or religious bias, although he accepts as a matter of fact that all Roman Catholics, Jews and Negroes are unsympathetic with the ideals of the Klan. Sun. 9-1-46

Since Dr. Green is the apparently accepted public spokesman for the Klan, the following outline of its current strength and activities is reported as he gave it recently:

(1) The Klan contributed 100,000 votes to Eugene Talmadge in last month's primary, a margin without which he could not have been successful. Klan activity on his behalf was so intensive and so expert that Dr. Green was able to make a pre-election canvass which showed a Talmadge victory by only two county-unit votes less than was tabulated in the official returns.

(2) The Klan in Mississippi contributed to Senator Bilbo the margin of electoral strength which enabled him to gain a clear majority over his four opponents, thus avoiding the risks of a run-off.

(3) Dr. Green is receiving, by virtue of being the only known KKK leader, applications for the formation of Klans from all over the country, usually from groups with a starting strength of 100.

(4) As soon as the legal action to terminate the Georgia charter of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., is "settled," Dr. Green intends to tell the people of the United States, "by every means we are permitted," the truth about the Klan and its objectives, in full confidence that its aims will be understood and applauded. The reference to permission was meant as a dig at the Atlanta newspapers which, Dr. Green asserts, print nothing but derogatory news about the Klan. He credits the wire services with greater objectivity.

Gesture of Bravado

The mystery of the motives behind Senator Bilbo's avowal of Klan membership must be reported as unsolved. He has just been easily renominated to his third term in the Senate, and had no apparent need for electoral support for another six years.

A check of private sources in Mississippi, most of which are politically inimical to Mr. Bilbo, turned up the local estimate that his gesture in making the announcement was one of pure bravado. It was described as another deliberate attempt on his part to arouse adverse comment in the North, enabling him to depict himself once again as a victim of Yankee persecution.

ed residents of the deep South they usually find themselves stymied against the question that is supposed to clinch all such debates: "Would you want your sister or daughter to marry a Negro?" And they never seem to think of the obvious answer that their sisters and daughters would not have to do so, under any predictable arrangement.

Leadership Lacking

It is probably true that expansion of Klan membership is handicapped by the state of suspended animation that has overtaken the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., which was the legal parent, or holding company, of the invisible empire which had a brief prosperity in the Twenties. There is no cohesive leadership today to pull together into an organization of national scope the small, separate groups who would be responsive.

Legal actions in various States to annul the charters granted to the Klans as fraternal organizations have mitigated against organization drives.

James A. Colescott, the veterinarian who was the last avowed head of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., abdicated from Atlanta to Miami in 1944 after liquidating the headquarters of the empire. His Klan activities today seem to be limited to issuing frequent statements to the effect that the national KKK has no connection with the Association of Georgia Klans, of which Dr. Samuel Green is Grand Dragon.

Federal Probe of Possible Klan-Bund Link Demanded by Arnall in Letter to Truman

Times-Dispatch Richmond, Va
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WASHINGTON, Aug. 30—(UP)—Governor Ellis Arnall, of Georgia, was disclosed today to have written a "sizzling letter" to President Truman demanding an investigation of possible links between the Ku Klux Klan and the remnants of the once widespread German-American Bund.

The White House acknowledged that "a letter" from Arnall was awaiting Mr. Truman's return from a vacation cruise Monday. The Justice Department declined to comment.

Despite the official silence, reliable sources said that the Georgia executive, who will be succeeded in January by former Governor Eugene Talmadge, asked the President to assign the Federal Bureau of Investigation to the case.

The letter was said to have requested the services of former Assistant Attorney-General O. John Rogge, who served as special prosecutor in the 1944 mass sedition case which came to an abrupt end with the death of the trial judge. Sat 8-31-46

Some quarters have expressed belief that the Bund is working underground at present and attempting to perpetuate its Fascist doctrines through other organizations, such as the Klan.

Relationship Cited

Rogge brought out during the eight-month sedition trial the close association between the Klan and the Bund. Testimony linking the organizations dwelt at length on a joint meeting of the two groups at the bund's Camp Nordland, near Andover, N. J., on Aug. 18, 1940.

The meeting, attended by about 2,500 persons, was sprinkled with hooded klansmen. Throughout the crowd were uniformed "Storm Troopers." Sat 8-31-46

Edward James Smythe, of New York, one of the indicted seditionists, was introduced to the meeting by August Klapprott, of New York, who was deputy national fuehrer at the Bund and also a seditionist defendant.

Klapprott told the crowd that the Klan had been permitted to use Camp Nordland because of "the common principles of Americanism in which the Bund and the Klan agree." Sat. 8-31-46

The sedition trial ended in a mistrial with the death of the presiding judge, and there have been persistent but unconfirmed reports that no new trial is contemplated. The case, however, has not been dismissed.

The Goods on the Klan

The Courier Pittsburgh, Pa. Sat 10-12-46

After prolonged investigation, the U.S. Department of Justice announces that it has uncovered links between the Ku Klux Klan and the German-American Bund from 1937 to 1941, and promises speedy prosecution of the Klan if any violation of Federal laws are found.

It should not be too difficult to find such violations, and we eagerly await more drastic action on the part of the Justice Department, in the hope that this is not just pre-election activity designed to snare votes.

The German-American Bund is a dead pigeon but the Klan is something else again.

The Klan is a real danger to the peace and prosperity of this country, stirring up, as it does, all sorts of prejudice and animosities, under whatever aliases or camouflage it maneuvers.

It is anti-Negro, anti-Jewish, anti-Catholic and anti-labor, and it appeals to the most ignorant and violent elements in the population.

Right now it is more or less in hiding or operating as innocent-sounding clubs and fraternities, but its objectives are the same as they always were, and when the heat is off, it will cast off its disguise and operate in the open as in the past.

It must never be forgotten that just twenty years ago the Ku Klux Klan was a powerful organization in numerous States of this Union and in some localities and areas completely dominated politics to the extent that few aspiring politicians dared not to take out membership.

Those were the days when it was burning crosses all over the country and beating and killing both white and colored people who incurred its enmity.

It will do the same thing again wherever it can find troubled waters in which to fish, if the Department of Justice does not keep after it.

It is up to liberty-loving citizens to see that the Department does not shirk its duty in this connection.

Russia Scores Ku Klux Klan Activity in South, Talmadge

The Afro-American Baltimore, Md
Sat 7-20-46

MOSCOW (ANP).—Ku Klux Klan activity in the United States is frowned upon by Russians in a recent issue of a trade union newspaper which tells how the former Georgia Governor, Eugene Talmadge, is seeking re-election by using the Fascist phrase of "superiority of the white race."

One Russian reader remarked, "It's beyond me how such abominable and fascistic Ku Klux Klan activity can be tolerated in a country which prides itself on being and preaches to the world that it is a democracy and a republic."

The article stated further, "Despite formal democratic legislation, why are colored peole in the United States subjected to brutal discrimination even to the extent of lynching?" Then, turning to England, it asked, "Why, over the British Empire, must colored people pay with their sweat and blood under slave conditions for the ruling classes?"

Mead Asks Ban of Kluxers From Federal, State Offices

The Afro-American Baltimore, Md
Sat. 11-2-46

UTICA, N.Y. — Klansmen should be banned from holding either Federal or State offices, declared, Sen. James A. Mead in a recent address before the Oneida Democratic County committee.

"The Ku Klux Klan has no place in a free America," the Senator said. "No member of that organization should be permitted to hold office under the government of the United States or the State of New York."

The Democratic candidate for governor also called for the end of Bilboism, the poll tax, the lynching evil and every other vestige of prejudice and intolerance.

Insult to Ideals

Scoring the Klan further, he said, "This vicious organization is an insult to the ideals for which we fought and won the war. It is a menace to the co-operation of all races and creeds upon which

Press, predicted Lochner said such organizations never will grow do present a definite threat, especially during times of economic ernor, and that the military Government of America. crisis, but there is little danger sman, in Atlanta maintained only for police duties Agnes Scott Col- they ever will marshal sufficient and to deal with threatened up- t, based his pre- strength to become a serious problem. He also recommended that some t that while hate risings. The veteran newspaperman, who w their strength effort be made to bring about a rines which pro- followed the conquering Germans centralization of Germany's eco- e, or destructive into every country they occupied, nomic structure and that the Ger- an Democracy also discussed America's occupa- man people be led toward democ- energies toward tion of Germany. racy by allowing their leaders results, and the Offering what he called "con- more and more authority as they will not allow structive criticism," Lochner suggested that a civilian commission- be overcome. mer Chief of the Berlin bureau of that principal to be o

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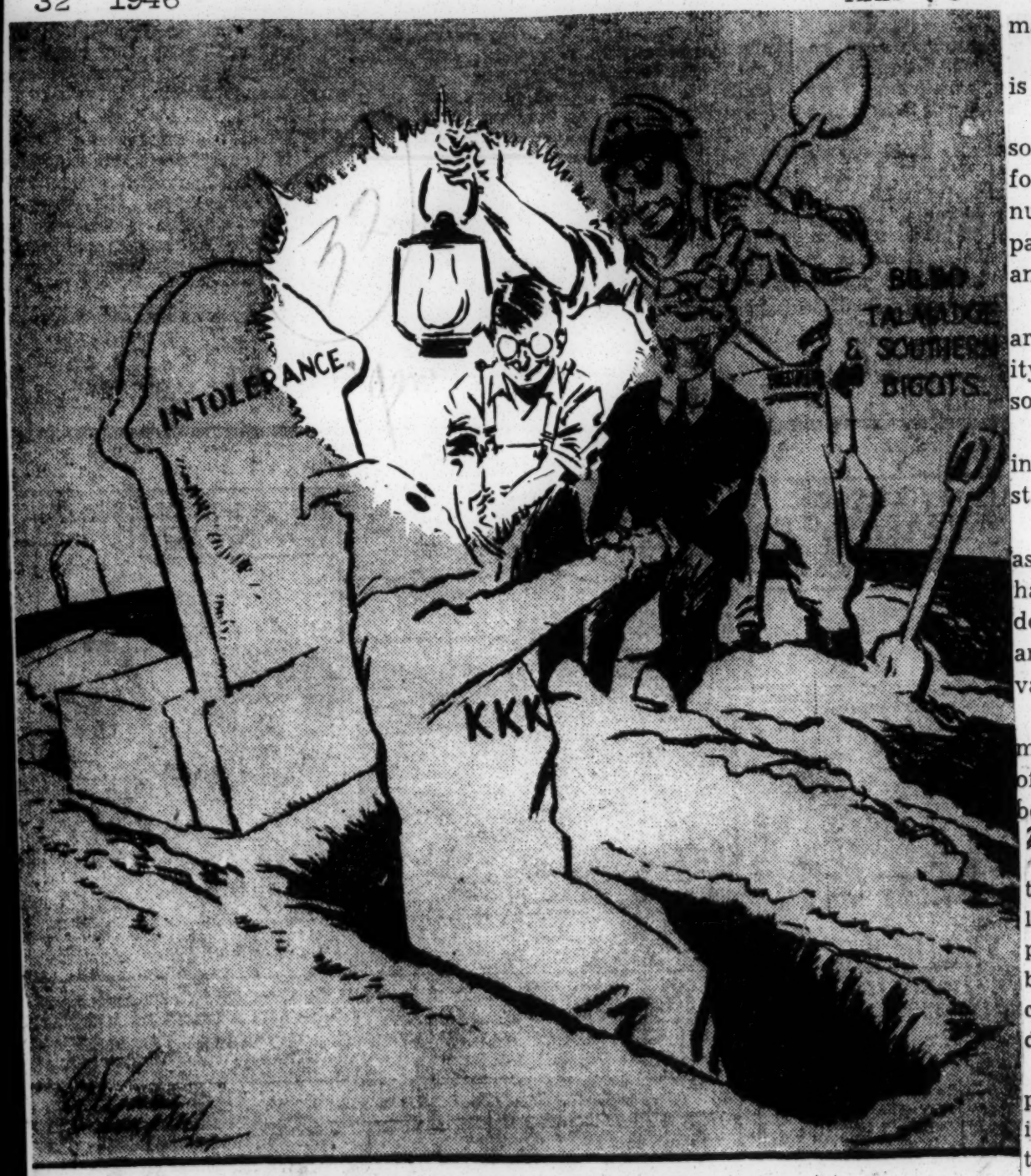


"Thanks For Digging Me Up, Boys."

The Charter is a Clue

News & Courier Charleston, S.C.

Among the absurdities of the time is the cancellation by states of the charters of the so-called "Ku Klux Klan". As long as the "Klan" is a chartered corporation, the authorities of law have a clue. They may proceed and perhaps bring criminal "klansmen" to justice.

The latterday "klan" was organized by shrewd citizens of Atlanta as a money-making scheme. (Atlanta is in Arnall's and Carmichael's part of Georgia.) It extracted quantities of money from innocent, unsuspecting, childlike Pennsylvanians, Jerseymen, New Yorkers, Ohioans, especially Indianians. It was one of the few schemes originating in the South that has pulled many dollars out of Northern states. Indiana had so many "kluxers" that they captured the state government and some had to have accommodations in jail. Mon 8-19-46

Of men in their 60s are thousands of Indianians and other Northern men who were "kluxers", and, by the way, Senator Bilbo is quoted that he was once a "klansman" and that one having taken the vows is a "klansman" while breath is in his body.

We do not believe it. We do not believe that Mr. Justice Hugo Black is a "klansman" now. Mr. Bilbo, the senator, is no sound reasoner.

The old "klan" which was dangerous in its time, sometimes useful, and sometimes corrupt, was never a chartered corporation. It made no money for its wizards. They were never as cunning as were sellers of wooden nutmegs, and nutmeg tradesmen were babes in vision and astuteness compared with the economic royalists in Atlanta who stole the name, ritual and regalia of the "klan" of 1870.

All masked persons, possibly excepting the "numbers" of Philadelphia, are, or should be, suspect and should be kept under surveillance by authority. Political secret societies are menaces to free government and to personal liberty.

The worst feature of Communism (Marxian socialism) is its countenancing of the lie as a means and weapon wherewith to overturn the capitalistic state and set up the dictatorship of the proletariat.

The Communists hate the gentry described by a celebrated statesman as "economic royalists". Consequently we economic royalists are having our hands full in resisting the onslaught of the Communists. The Communists do not wear masks on their faces but they mask their intentions and plans and lie about them with wondrous skill and perseverance. They stand up valiantly, in their secret konklaves, or conclaves, for the propriety of the lie.

All klans, or clans, should be forced to obtain charters from government. That, we say again, gives the police a clue. Had the original Klan, of 1867-1871, of Tennesseean invention, been chartered by the state, had it been a corporation, it would have got nowhere. Mon 8-19-46

THE KLAN-BUND ALLIANCE

The Advertiser Montgomery, Ala.

It is not very surprising to learn that there has been an undercover alliance of long standing between the apparently dispersed German-American Bund, headed by the notorious Fritz Kuhn who was recently deported as an enemy alien, and the deceptively quiescent Ku Klux Klan.

If the Department of Justice succeeds in proving that the two organizations have indeed effected a merger, it goes to show that most forms of intolerance and terrorism trace back to the same general source. Call them by what names you will, all un-American societies and orders, like the colonel's lady and Judy O'Grady, are, after all, sisters under the skin. Fri. 10-4-46

The bundsters worked zealously to betray us to our enemies in time of great national peril, and the nefarious klansmen, working behind pillow-cases and under cover of darkness, repeatedly tried to set fire to the house of national accord here at home. It is the fault of neither group that the swastika and the fiery cross are not today the significant emblems of a polluted and disgraced America.

Perhaps we as a people have been far too careless about the sparks of sedition and bigotry that are being scattered at will by malicious individuals and subversive organizations. We are too much interested in washing the faces of other nations to be properly aware of the dirt behind our own ears. If we were a little more intolerant of intolerance, we could escape the job of cleaning up a good many sorry messes made by Klansmen and other gun-toting, law-flouting men who appear to regard this country as their happy hunting-ground.

THE KLAN

The Advertiser

Editor, The Advertiser:

I want to express my opinion on the much talked about subject of the Ku Klux Klan.

People of the South—I was reading last Sunday where Gov. Ellis Arnall of Georgia was trying to destroy the K. K. K., in the State of Georgia. To my opinion anyone who is trying to destroy the Klan in any state is fighting the traditions of the South. The K. K. K. is the only organization operating today that can keep the South from being taken over by the Negro and Yankee carpetbaggers today. Northern propaganda is busy at this very moment trying to wreck the very things that our forefathers fought for. Montgomery, Ala.

The K. K. K. was organized after the War Between the States for only one reason: to protect the people from Negro ruffnecks, carpetbaggers and scalawags. Those are the only ones the K. K. K. has ever attacked and ever will. Let's not forget, people, at this very moment some Yankee sympathizer or Negro carpetbagger is trying to undermind (sic) you!

HARRIS L. CHARLES

R. F. D. No. 1, Thurs. 11-14-46
Ozark, Ala.

(Editor's Note: Led by the South's most responsible men, the Ku Klux Klan 75 years ago served to bring us through a tragic post-war transition. The Klan today is led by men who, when in fact it is the weapon of the South's most irresponsible, hate-filled, demagogues who keep the South in economic backward-looking apostles of fascism. The slavery.)

RALPH T. JONES

The Constitution

The Issue Is Force

Atlanta, Ga.

Vs. the Rule of Law

Sun. 11-10-46

Throughout recorded history the story of mankind's progress has been the story of the continuous conflict between those who would impose their will on others by the use of force, and those who would refer all human differences to the adjudication of properly constituted law.

In our time we have seen this issue set forth more clearly, perhaps, than in any other period. This clarity of issue is perhaps due to the fact that the upholders of law are stronger and more numerous today than ever before; or it may be because the believers in force have been more ruthless, bolder and vicious than in the past.

The conflict, on world-wide scale, between the Fascist-Nazi combination of evil force and the free nations of the world was but this ancient issue in international affairs.

In our own nation it is, in final analysis, a conflict between force and law which inspires our worst strikes and lockouts, which provides a political issue between regimentation through bureaucracy and the champions of free enterprise, unrestricted by government.

Locally We of Atlanta have, in the past few decades, witnessed vicious outbreaks by organized groups of would-be force practitioners. Today we are, apparently, going through just one more outbreak of thugs who would enforce their will by the use of blackjack, club and gun.

The Ku Klux Klan was, basically, just a group of misled posturers who tried to enforce their concepts on all the people through fear—of the masked unknowns—and through force—of the club and the whip.

We saw that in its full horror in the East Point series of floggings which culminated in the death of one victim. In that case, as always must be in a free, democratic country, the masked hoodlums who perpetrated those crimes were brought before authorized law and made to pay the price of their thuggery.

The recent attempt of the Klan to regain its prestige and numerical strength seems, as of today, to have been pretty well scotched.

Now the same old evil, in new guise, has erupted again under a new name, the Columbians. Prompt and inflexible action by the police seems to have put a crimp in this band of organized hoodlums, too.

Thus the believers in the club and the gun are, properly, subjected to the rule of law, which is upheld by all good citizens and respected by all except actual and prospective criminals.

Time To Grow Up When mankind was savage, before the dawn of what we call civilization, before the coming of what we fondly believe to be the age of reason, it was natural that the barbarian who could swing the heaviest club and strike the hardest blow should impose his will on the tribe and be the boss, or king.

That, though, was during the infancy of the race.

A baby always tries to get its own way by use of force, either by kicking, pulling or fighting, or by howling until authority, in the form of distracted parents, abdicates for the sake of a little peace.

A baby, though, as it grows into childhood, learns there are rules and precepts of conduct which must be observed. It is what we call training, training of the child to make it fit to grow up and be an acceptable member of its society.

These wielders of the club or the whip, the gun terrorists, are, in final analysis, children whose characters have remained infantile while their bodies grew up. Collectively they haven't advanced far, if any, beyond the stage of the pre-civilization savage. Individually, they are mental babies who have never learned the simple rules of decent, intelligent behavior.

Inevitably, in an adult, intelligent civilization, such misfits must be made to obey the rules, the laws set up by society, through its proper representatives, for the orderly conduct of affairs.

The same type in Hitler's Germany prevailed because the German people were actually not an orderly, intelligent society.

They can't prevail here, because we do live decently and our instincts dictate respect for law and obedience to the rules—rules we have made ourselves and for which, if we dislike them, there is an orderly, proper method of change.

Outlaw the Klan!

The Courier Pittsburgh, Pa. Sat. 1-17-46

It is heartening to learn that the Federal Bureau of Investigation is probing the Ku Klux Klan in New York, Michigan, Tennessee, Florida, California, Kentucky, Mississippi and Georgia.

Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York has taken the lead in outlawing the Klan in that State and its membership list has been turned over to the FBI.

Action has been taken in New Jersey with a view to outlawing the hooded order there.

Other States should not wait for the FBI to act but conduct their own investigations, as in New York and New Jersey, and take steps to outlaw this terror organization.

The KKK is now on the run and should be kept on the run.

It is a nefarious organization in nowise dissimilar to the Nazi Party in Germany under Hitler, except that it is obviously led by more stupid and less resourceful people.

It is the knowledge that the organization is more of a racket than a well-laid conspiracy that has caused many people to dismiss it as ludicrous and no menace to the Nation.

This view is entirely wrong as anyone familiar with the history of such organizations well knows.

The Ku Klux Klan is based on racial prejudice and fosters the foolish idea of white supremacy, and such nonsense has a way of catching on among the riff raff that considers itself better than somebody else and is so unsure of itself that it fears all competition, social, economic and political.

Such organizations have always been able to get large followings, regardless of the intelligence of their leaders.

As they accumulate members and become more lucrative rackets, they attract more intelligent and ruthless leaders who will stop at nothing to perpetuate and expand their control, even as Hitler did in Germany.

The only way to effectively curb such organizations is to outlaw them as Governor Dewey has done in New York.

We should not wait for the Federal Government to do this but get busy in the several States of the Union to bring about this end.

Because the Klan is anti-Catholic and anti-Semitic, as well as anti-Negro, and as these three groups comprise a sizeable proportion of the population in many States, it should not be difficult to get action similar to that in New York, and drives to that end should be initiated everywhere.

The time to act is now when the Klan is everywhere under attack and on the run.

To permit this nefarious organization to grow strong and influential would be criminal negligence on the part of the decent people of this country.

The Klan on the Defense

These are unhappy days for the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, what with Governor Arnall of Georgia ordering action to revoke its charter and the U. S. Collector of Internal Revenue in Atlanta filing action in the Superior Court to get $685,305 allegedly due the Government for back taxes from 1921 through 1924 and for 1946. *The Courier*

There was a time that everybody was on the defense against the charges and attacks of the hooded order, but now the Ku Klux leaders are on the defense against the State of Georgia and the Federal Government.

Despite the threats of the hooded mobsters, Governor Arnall has gone ahead with great courage to hit the K. K. K. where it hurts and all indications point to the probability that he will win.

It is a smart political move on the part of Governor Arnall because the Klan was all set to barge into Georgia politics and elect a Governor whom it can control.

Now it is going to be so busy defending itself that it will not have much time or energy left to attack anybody. *Pittsburgh, Pa.*

Times have certainly changed when Georgia, the original home of the K. K. K. turns upon it so viciously and effectively.

To outlaw the Ku Klux Klan in the State of its origin is the unkindest cut of all; and to sue these chiselers for nearly $700,000 back taxes is adding insult to injury, to put it mildly.

The Ku Klux Klan had this coming to it and no one will regret its ill-fortune. *Sat. 6-8-46*

For years it whipped, burned and lynched its way across the face of the South and became a sinister power in many other parts of the country, even in the most liberal sections.

It not only terrorized those it hated, but it callously fleeced its own members by exorbitant dues and charges for nightgown uniforms.

Now it is about to reap what it sowed, and there is national unity in wishing it ill.

America can no longer tolerate subversive organizations of this kind which threaten the national homogeneity so deeply necessary in this day and time when the Nation is assuming a new role in world affairs.

The Nation owes Governor Arnall a debt of thanks for the forthright and courageous manner in which he has served notice of a new day in Georgia; and it is to be hoped that other Southern and Northern States will lose no time in following suit.

Radio Expose

The Afro-American Baltimore, Md.

# of Klan Kept Off the Air

Sat. 7-13-46

NEW YORK — Thousands of radio listeners who tune in on the National Broadcasting Company's "Mr. District Attorney" every Wednesday at 9:30 p.m. were greatly disappointed last week when a dramatic expose of the Ku Klux Klan, which was promised them the week before by Jay Jostyn, the radio shows' star, was ditched for a "non-controversial" script.

As a result, scores of letters of protest from the public are pouring into the studio daily, all demanding to know the reason why.

Sponsor of the program is the Bristol-Myers Company, drug manufacturers, which shelved the KKK show because "it was not up to standard" of previous scripts. However, it promised that the script may be hauled out of the files for revision within the near future and used.

Has High Rating

"Mr. District Attorney" has one of the highest Hooper ratings on the radio, and has long been considered a leader in its specific type of show. On the air several years, it previously went in for gang busting but has changed its style to fit the times.

The scripts are always full of suspense, and lately have been in a lot for better understanding between the races, showing the district attorney personally fighting against race-hate dlers.

Some time ago, the National Conference of Christians and Jews awarded the program the distinguished service award for commentators for being "the outstanding commercial series of 1945 in promoting interracial tolerance."

Bob Shaw and Ed Byron, both well-known radio script writers, have enjoyed tremendous success turning out the series. It is inconceivable that these two would turn out a show that is considered below standard by the sponsors, unless Bristol-Myers feels that this particular script dealing with the KKK was a bit too hot to handle

The Afro-American Baltimore, Md.

Sat. 7-13-46

The National Conference of Christians and Jews could not be reached for comment *Sat. 7-13-46*

RALPH McGILL

The KKK Plans a Fire

The other day I wrote a piece about the Ku Klux Klan . . . which Nazi-like organization is again attempting to make a comeback—off suckers.

The Klan organizers get most of the $10 paid—about $8 of it. They live a soft life. All they have to do is keep the suckers aroused about "Niggers," "Catholics," "Jews," "Communists"—and so on.

I got a number of letters.

I want to quote from two. One was from J. P. Mahaffey, of Hoschton, Ga. In the '20s, proud of a heritage from a Confederate soldier ancestor, he joined the Klan, thinking it was something like the old Klan led by Nathan Bedford Forrest. He soon found it was a racket to make a few men rich and the organizers well off. He wrote me:

"I know what you state about the Klan is true, for I was once a member, worker and speaker for this group back in the late '20s and early '30s. I realize my former associates will damn me for quitting in disgust. I know it is a racket, a money racket, in which the suckers are constantly bled for more and more money for some great and noble cause. It is just about all graft, but easy to get by feeding them hate, fear, prejudice, praise for inferior patriots, and big-worded oratory."

The other was from a superior court judge in South Georgia. He wrote:

"Prior to my first term as judge of the superior courts of this circuit, in January, 1925, this order (the KKK) had almost complete control of this county. Good, decent people where whipped, maltreated and abused by these organized criminals to a point where the best of its citizenship knew not when their time would also come. In my first charge to a grand jury in this county, I put the Ku Klux Klan on notice that in any and every instance where this order arrogated to itself the privilege of visiting violence upon any human being, outside of the pale of the law, that every influence I had would be brought to bear to see that every participant in such an enterprise had shackles put upon his legs and stripes upon his back. No other whipping ever took place in this county until its distintegration.

"What took place prevailed all over this State, to the extent that made it the most scandalous picture in Georgia's history. Your editorial dissects the character and motives of these outlaws as they should be, and as a Georgian I want to thank you."

I quote these because some thoughtless persons, some of them municipal officers in small towns, have been "sold" by organizers to let them come in and "organize"—that is, pick the geese who haven't brains enough to think for themselves.

The churches and all people who believe in decency cannot stand by and let this un-Christian, Hitler-like thing grow.

It is not doing too well.

But it is working.

Methods The order attracts hoodlums. At least 70 percent of the Atlanta membership have police records, ranging all the way from public drunkenness, drunk and disorderly conduct, robbery, on up to assault with intent to murder.

After my other article, the local Kleagle turned it over to the "Kavalier Klub" for action. He told the suckers I wrote for Rosenwald and Company. I assume he referred to the Rosenwald Foundation. In 1937 I wrote a number of articles on Georgia. They won for me, in competition with some 800 other persons, one of 40 prizes. It was a small sum which helped me, by adding to what I had saved, go to Europe for a number of months. It was one of the finest things that ever happened to me, giving me my first opportunity for study abroad. Since that time I have had no sort of connection whatsoever with the Foundation, but if the opportunity of another competition comes, I will surely try to win another scholarship. I was, and am, proud of the fact I won.

Chattanooga I said, in the article, that the Atlanta outfit was jealous of the Chattanooga outfit which had managed to get more police court thugs and hoodlums in it than any other.

I said that, just like Hitler's brown shirts, the Chattanooga thugs had frightened a Jewish woman out of Redbank, a suburb of Chattanooga, where she had opened a small store.

A Kluxer wrote in and called me a liar, asking why I didn't name her.

I will. She is Mrs. Kate Robbins. The thugs burned, in sacriligious manner, a Christian cross before her place. They also sent threatening letters and tied a bundle of heavy sticks to her door, indicating she would be beaten with them. She was a decent person. They were simply anti-Semitic, Hitler brown shirts. The last warning, in March, said, "We mean business." She was scared and moved. The thugs apparently dominate that suburb—which might be a warning to any small town inviting them in.

Thrills? They are to carry some gasoline drums up on Stone Mountain Thursday night. Some of the Atlanta policemen who are members have promised to help direct traffic. They also have been ordered to carry their guns under their robes. They are going to light the gasoline in the form of Christ's Cross—these brave boys are.

They wanted 500 members in a class. To get them they are having to get other gangs to join those from Elberton, Dalton and Gainesville. Delegations are coming from Birmingham, Marysville, Tenn., and Chattanooga just to be sure there will be a crowd to impress the suckers.

Just a lot of suckers watching a gasoline fire on Stone Mountain. Isn't that a thrill?

Klan Scored By Baptists; Duties Cited

Attorney General Clark Attacks Organization For Organized Bigotry

MIAMI, FLA., May 18.—(AP)—Southern Baptists were told tonight that they will be confronted next year with "one of the most challenging and far-reaching programs" in the entire history of the denomination, but with a membership of more than a million men and "practically unlimited financial resources" to carry out their mission.

In a speech prepared for delivery at the night session of the 101st annual meeting in Miami's Bayfront Park, Dr. Lawson H. Cooke, executive secretary of the Baptist Brotherhood, Memphis, Tenn., said that accomplishment of the program "is well within our resources and capacities."

"We must realize, however, the proportions of the program and that the objectives cannot be reached by wishful thinking.

"Southern Baptists have a great mission—a world mission," he said. "Southern Baptists have practically unlimited financial resources. In the membership of Southern Baptist Churches there are more than a million men. It will be exceedingly difficult, if not impossible, to discharge our great denominational mission, and realize our high denominational objectives, unless upon these objectives we focus the concerted interest of the men of our churches."

Earlier the convention adopted a resolution urging member churches to "refrain from association with all groups that exist for the purpose of fomenting strike and division within the nation on the basis of differences of race, religion and culture."

The resolution, which was submitted by Dr. Norman Cox, of Meridian, Miss., and adopted unanimously, asserted that unity of the nation is endangered by such groups and that "the faith we profess . . . expressly forbids hatred one of the other."

Dr. Cox told reporters after the introduction that it "hit at the Ku Klux Klan by inference" but at the same time at all other groups which it covered. The resolution did not mention any specific organization.

Dr. Robert G. Lee, of Memphis, warned the convention that "rationalism and 'undisciplined' liberalism, foes of religious feeling, are the chief threat to the power of the church."

PHILADELPHIA, May 18.—(AP)—Atty. Gen. Tom C. Clark, singling out the Ku Klux Klan, said tonight "we must rid ourselves of such things as organized bigotry" in standing "before the world as examples of what a free society can do."

Clark stated that all "Federal laws at my command and all that Congress deems fit to give me in the future will be enforced to the very limit in stamping out any organization or group which aims at extermination of our priceless civil liberties."

The attorney general's speech was prepared for a meeting of the National Conference on Citizenship. On behalf of the Justice Department and the Immigration and Naturalization Service, he keynoted the sixth observance Sunday of "I Am An American Day."

Forces of Decency Rise Against the Klan

IF ANYTHING good may be used to have resulted from the recent reappearance of the Ku Klux Klan, it is the revelation of how thoroughly the forces of decency despise the Klan, and how determined they are to fight it.

With the whole world just emerged from a war which had its roots in racial and religious intolerances, in suspension of civil liberties, and in fascist dogma symbolized by black shirts and brown shirts paralleled here by hoods and crosses, it is apalling that any Americans could be misled into the dark byways of the Klan. For the bigotry of the Klan is no secret. Its "Grand Dragon," Dr. SAMUEL GREEN of Atlanta, defined it publicly only this month: "The Klan is for native born, white, Gentile Protestant Americans," and one of its aims is to promote "Klannishness." Only Klan logic could reconcile this with another of the "aims" which is, said Dr. GREEN, "to exemplify pure patriotism to America and the Constitution."

However, one of the strongholds of Gentile protestantism in the South, the Southern Baptist convention, has directed its members, by unanimous vote, to stay out of the Klan. All member churches were instructed to "refrain from association with all groups that exist for the purpose of fomenting strife and division within the nation on a basis of differences of race, religion and culture." That, said Dr. NORMAN COX, who submitted the resolution, "hit at the Ku Klux Klan by inference." It did more. It described the Klan directly.

And in Philadelphia, Attorney General TOM C. CLARK pledged that he will enforce "to the very limit" all laws at his command to stamp out such "organized bigotry" as the Klan. Here, perhaps, is the means to eliminate not only the Klan, but any mentally blighted offspring it may spawn. Organizations must acquire State charters before entering the field to seek subscriptions or paid memberships. A charter may be denied, it would appear, if the applicant organization is shown, as Mr. CLARK maintains of the Klan, to "aim at extermination of our priceless civil liberties."

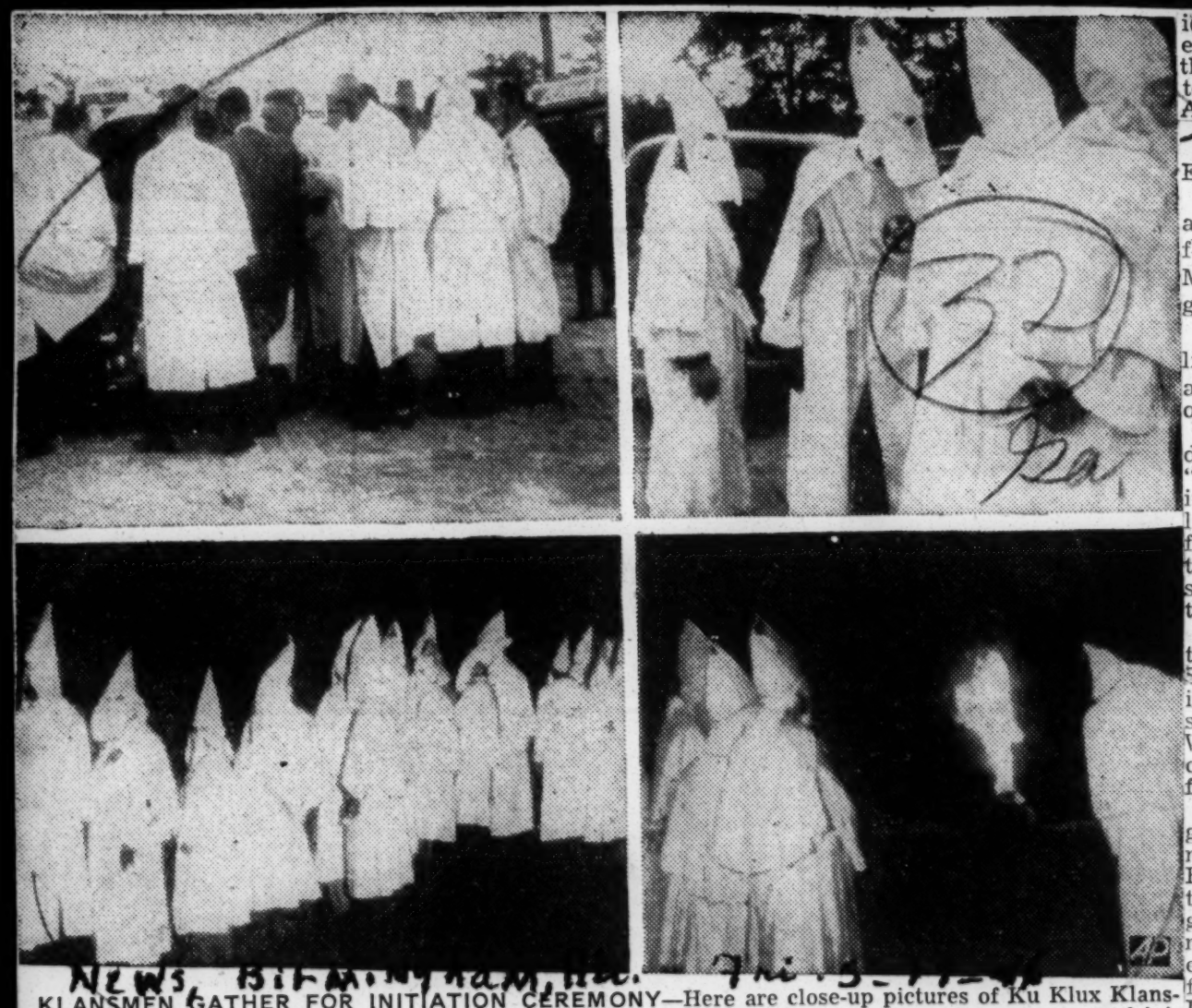
This would end the anomaly of sheltering under the constitutional guarantees of freedom an organization dedicated to the destruction of this very freedom, and personifying the unholy opposite of all democracy.

K. K. K., German Bund Linked By Attorney

NEW YORK, Aug. 13—(AP)—The Ku Klux Klan is operating in many states through front organizations such as veterans and women's groups, Daniel Duke, assistant attorney general of Georgia and special prosecutor in Georgia's legal proceedings to revoke the Klan's national charter, declared yesterday at a press conference in the offices of the non-sectarian Anti-Nazi League.

Presented as "one of the whit hopes of the country," by James H. Sheldon, administrative chairman of the league and former faculty member of Boston College, Duke said he came to New York recently "specifically to look into the question of direct ties between the German-American Bund and officers of the Ku Klux Klan immediatelyhe found photographs and literature establishing the links betweento be out of existence as an entity, and charters.

Duke said the Klan today "claims yet in Georgia they are using the same meeting places, regalia, grips



KLANSMEN GATHER FOR INITIATION CEREMONY—Here are close-up pictures of Ku Klux Klansmen as they gathered at the base of Stone Mountain, near Atlanta, recently to burn fiery crosses and initiate new members. Upper (left), klansmen don their regalia; upper (right), they wait in their masks and robes for darkness; lower (left), the klansmen line up for the ceremony; lower (right), hooded members watch a fiery cross burn. (Associated Press wirephoto from Paramount News.)

Ban On Ku-Klux Klan

According to press reports, the Ku-Klux Klan is again active in the Birmingham area and in Georgia. By the payment of a nominal fee to the state, that infamous organization has held a charter and vestige of official sanction for more than a score of years.

It is indeed lamentable that the South after World War I was a hotbed of Klan abuses, when racial and religious minorities were harassed and intimidated without any justification whatsoever. Every effort should be made now to stamp out a revival of the hatreds upon which the Klan thrives.

When Nathaniel L. Goldstein, Attorney General of New York State, recently learned that the Ku-Klux Klan was active again in that area, he took immediate steps to draw its fangs. A State Supreme Court order was obtained to begin action aimed at annulling the New York charter and driving out of existence the Knights and Women of the Ku-Klux Klan, Inc.

Mr. Goldstein revealed that the New York Klan has had a state charter since September 10, 1923, when it was fraudulently obtained in the name of a fictitious fraternity, Alpha Pi Sigma, Inc. Two years later the Klan assumed its real name by filing an affidavit with the Secretary of State, changing the name of the organization, and since the change required no public mention, it went unnoticed for years.

The organization, in New York as elsewhere, went underground in the late 1920's—just as it did after the Civil War — but it seems always to come out of hiding as an aftermath of war to spread again its racial and religious hatreds. War veterans are sought principally as members.

In its recent revival the Klan is reported to have a new objective—a war against labor unions—and a new slogan: "Free the Slaves of 1946." Union members are termed "slaves" in a series of placards, now being circulated, which urge: "Abolish Labor Unions — The United States has more slaves today than 90 years ago—Millions of our best citizens are not permitted to work where they want to, or for whom they want to, as long as they want, or what wages they want. If they try they get beaten up by pickets. The slaves of 1946 pay high fees to become slaves, for they cannot work without a card — Union made goods cost more—Help free the slaves."

Efforts to eliminate the Ku-Klux Klan in New York are aided considerably by a state statute, known as the Walker Anti-Ku-Klux Klan law, which makes it illegal for any organization with a secret oath to hold meetings unless the text of the oath, a copy of its constitution and a roster of its members are filed with the Secretary of State. Exempt from this law are fraternities and sororities, labor unions and fraternal groups. Other states would do well to enact similar measures, aimed directly at the Klan.

The late Judge Grover C. Hall's withering editorial attacks in The Montgomery Advertiser 20 or more years ago were largely responsible for driivng the Klan out of Alabama. This great champion of tolerance has since been claimed by death. It is our responsibility in his absence to carry on the ideals for which he so valiantly fought and enactment of a law, similar to the one on the statute books of New York, would seem to be the first step in the right direction.—Anniston Star.

SHALL WE HAVE THE KLAN?

Editor, The Advertiser:

Thanks, Atticus Mullin, for your anti-Klan article. I was beginning to be afraid that few, if any, of the intelligent citizens of Montgomery, were aware of the active reorganization of the Kluxers.

It seems ironical to me that we spent millions of dollars to fight a war to outlaw klans and then calmly sit by and let one revive in our own backyard.

"Klan against violence," declares grand dragon of Georgia's Ku Klux Klan in a talk "to the boys" in Birmingham. If so, why was it necessary for Atticus Mullin to seek police protection so frequently when he was fighting the old Klan? These members of the Klan must certainly feel inferior and insecure if they have to organize into a band to gain so-called supremacy.

Why is it necessary for a private organization hiding behind sheets to stop violence? Seems like our country did a mighty fine job in stamping out violence on a much larger scale than any we might anticipate here. Why not leave it up to the government? Let's call a spade a spade, and say this is their feeble excuse for re-organizing the Klan.

How about you minority groups? Are you going to sit about with folded hands and do nothing until you're hit by the boomerang? How about you straight-thinking, right-thinking citizens of Montgomery? Let's organize an Anti-Klaners movement and permit everyone to join. How about you mothers and fathers whose sons fought and died for the abolishment of just such as this? Don't let their sacrifice be in vain!

I hope I don't have to call for police protection like Atticus Mullin did because I'm expressing my right to free speech and press.

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Montgomery, Ala.

SALESMEN OF DEATH

The Advertiser and a free press generally can be grateful for such forthright and courageous contributors as the author of our letter today headed, "Shall We Have The Klan?"

The article by Mr. Mullin has pointed up the fact that the Klan is not something to oppose in Georgia, or Mississippi, or Florida—it is here among us in Alabama today.

Organizers of the Ku Klux Klan are button-holing citizens of Montgomery every day. Some Montgomery citizens are forking over their money and joining the men of the hood and the whip.

How an American can do it, we don't pretend to know. How a Veteran who risked his life to stop the terror of Hitlerism can come home to play Hitler himself, we cannot understand. But some are doing it.

We hear some opponents of the Ku Klux say that the matter is best not discussed too loudly. When, then, shall we discuss it?—After the Klan has grown strong enough to threaten the lives of men who will not join them in their program of lawlessness?

Now is the time for men of decency to use their influence against the return of a reign of terror to Alabama. There will be plausible excuses — arguments for chastizing labor groups, or Negro elements, or religious groups. But the real American will remember that the encouragement of hatreds in any form today is an invitation to disaster. Either we shall live together as brothers, or we shall die together in our mutual bitterness. The man who promotes the Ku Klux Klan today is a salesman of death. If you see him, tell him so!

Labor Denounces the KKK

At the meeting following the failure of the KKK's "show" at Stone Mountain, Ga., the Fuehrer of the local SS men was quite naturally in a bad humor.

He finally got around to labor. He said he was sorry to hurt the feelings of the CIO members but they had more from the AFL anyhow and he urged the SS men to assist that organization in its Southern drive.

Well, of course, the assistance given couldn't amount to anything if given.

But it is encouraging to note it isn't wanted.

At its Southern meeting in Asheville, the AFL warned against the KKK, pointing out that it had all but wrecked organized labor in the twenties. Especially was this true in Georgia where the poison of the Klan left organized labor divided.

Christian ministers of Atlanta and the South, who "don't know any better," have been fooled into joining.

These organization officials follow the example of the Pope in Rome. Baptist Alliance. They follow every thoughtful person in speaking out against this collection of haters and anti-Christian, anti-American apostles of hate and intolerance.

It is no mere coincidence that 70 percent of the local membership has police records ranging from minor cases to attempted murder.

Let every decent person speak out against it.

As long as the KKK lives, Hitler lives. They are blood brothers.

Dewey Unloads Klansman Demarest

Special to the Daily Worker

ALBANY, May 6.—Gov. Dewey today announced the removal from office of Horace A. Demarest, Deputy Commissioner of Motor Vehicles in Queens. Demarest was exposed in The Worker on April 21 as one of the signers of incorporation papers for the Ku Klux Klan in this state.

Heaviest heat was put on Dewey by the Daily Worker last Friday, May 3, when the newspaper carried a front-page five-column telegram to Dewey demanded ouster of Demarest, a leading Queens Republican.

On Monday, only 72 hours later, Clifford J. Fletcher, State Commissioner of Vehicles, acting on Dewey's orders, announced Demarest's removal.

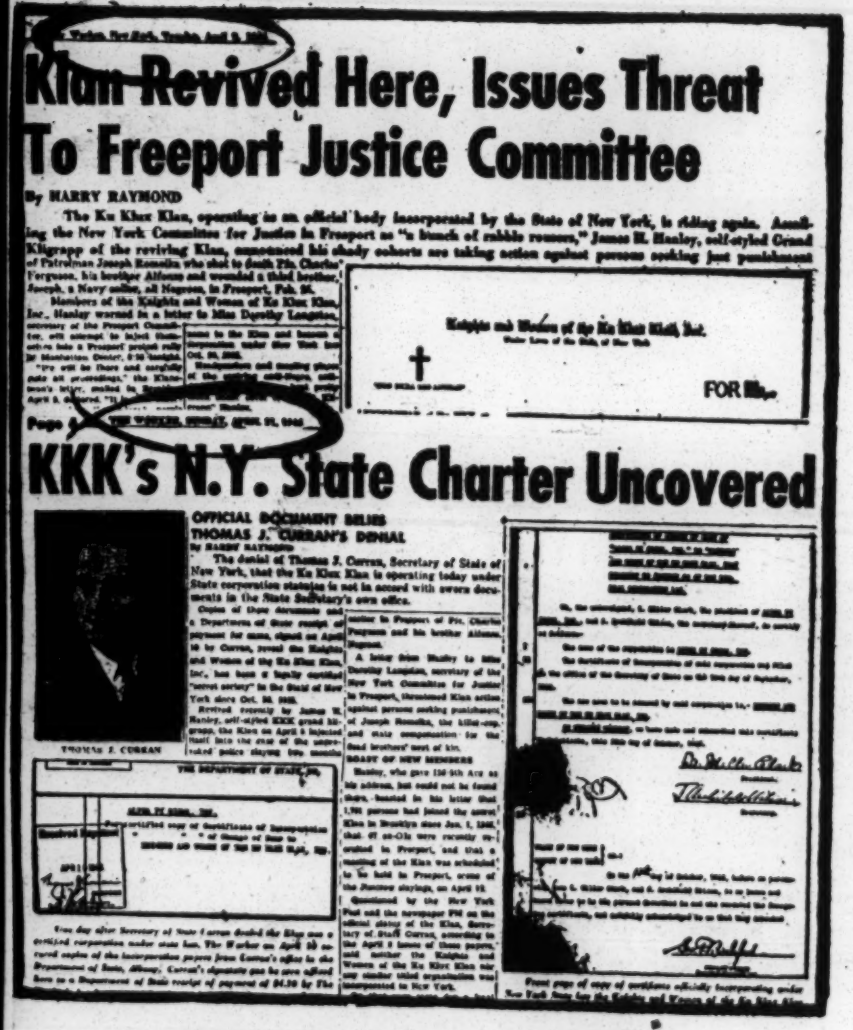
Public disclosure of Klan activities and Demarest's role compelled Attorney General Nathaniel L. Goldstein to institute an investigation. Goldstein claimed yesterday he was still probing the Klan.

Existence of the Klan here first came to light when Dorothy Langston, executive secretary of the Committee for Justice in Freeport, the organization campaigning to bring to justice the police slayer of Pfc. Charles Ferguson, and his brother Alfonzo, revealed she had received a threatening letter from the Klan.

Miss Langston's announcement of getting the Klan "warning" on the eve of a "Justice in Freeport" meeting held on April 9 in New York City, led to an immediate investigation by Daily Worker staff writer Harry Raymond who on April 9 published the facts that the Klan was originally incorporated in this state Sept. 12, 1923 as the Alpha Pi Sigma and changed its named to Knights and Women of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. on Oct. 30, 1925.

A photostatic reproduction of the original incorporation papers on file in the office of Secretary of State Thomas J. Curran in this city disclosed Demarest's name among the original incorporators. The photostats were published in The Worker April 21.

Demarest admitted his part in the incorporation, declaring that he did it "as a favor" for $100.



Klan Revived Here, Issues Threat To Freeport Justice Committee

By HARRY RAYMOND

The Ku Klux Klan, operating as an official body incorporated by the State of New York, is riding again. Assailing the New York Committee for Justice in Freeport as "a bunch of rabble rousers," James H. Hanley, self-styled Grand Kligrapp of the reviving Klan, announced his shady cohorts are taking action against persons seeking just punishment of Patrolman Joseph Romolin who shot to death Pfc. Charles Ferguson, his brother Alfonso and wounded a third brother, Joseph, a Navy sailor, all Negroes, in Freeport, Feb. 26.

Members of the Knights and Women of Ku Klux Klan, Inc., Hanley warned in a letter to Miss Dorothy Langston, secretary of the Freeport Committee, will attempt to picket them when they hold a Freeport protest rally in Manhattan Center, 8 th tonight.

"We will be there and carefully take all proceedings," the Klan leader's letter, mailed in Freeport April 5, declared. "If any [illegible] Freeport Muslim.

Knights and Women of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.
State Laws of the State of New York
FOR Life

KKK's N.Y. State Charter Uncovered

OFFICIAL DOCUMENT BELIES THOMAS J. CURRAN'S DENIAL

By HARRY RAYMOND

The denial of Thomas J. Curran, Secretary of State of New York, that the Ku Klux Klan is operating today under State corporation statutes is not in accord with sworn documents in the State Secretary's own office.

Copies of [illegible] a Department of State receipt of payment for same, signed on April 10 by Curran, reveal the Knights and Women of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., has been a legally certified "secret society" in the State of New York since Oct. 30, 1925.

Arrested recently by James H. Hanley, self-styled KKK grand kligrapp, the Klan on April 5 injected itself into the case of the [illegible] police slayer [illegible]

THOMAS J. CURRAN

THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, ss:

I have compared the annexed copy of Certificate of Incorporation [illegible]

SEAL

Front page of copy of certificate officially incorporating under New York State law the Knights and Women of the Ku Klux Klan.

BOARD OF NEW MEMBERS

Hanley, who gave 130 5th Ave as his address, but could not be found there, boasted in his letter that 1,700 persons had joined the secret Klan in Brooklyn since Jan. 1, 1946, that 47 ex-GIs were recently initiated in Freeport, and that a meeting of the Klan was scheduled to be held in Freeport, scene of the Ferguson slayings, on April 15.

Questioned by the New York Post and the newspaper PM on the editorial stamp of the Klan, Secretary of State Curran, according to the April 1 issue of those papers, said neither the Knights and Women of the Ku Klux Klan nor any similar titled organization was incorporated in New York.

HOW THE DAILY WORKER EXPOSED THE KLAN

KU KLUX RAISES ITS HEAD

Within 24 hours after publication that the Ku Klux Klan had "officially registered" again as a "fraternal association" in Atlanta dispatches told of the appearance of five fiery crosses in suburbs of Birmingham during a single night. Birmingham News

Unhappily the Klan in its heydey flourished on the voluminous publicity given it. Its friends went on the theory, no matter what you say about me, say something. It was the best advertised of all intolerant, un-American and furtive secret bodies. At the risk of giving the organization some more advertising at this time it is necessary to call attention to the apparent efforts to renew it and use it once more as a political weapon and for feathering the nests of money-seeking schemers.

The application for membership which its dupes must sign is the best proof that such an organization as the Ku Klux Klan has no place in American life. The applicant must swear he is a white, native-born male, of temperate habits, sound in mind, a believer in the tenets of the Christian religion, a believer in white supremacy and in the principles of pure Americanism.

It is the same old story, the same old bunk, the same old appeal to prejudice, ignorance, intolerance. Mon 4-15-46

It is not too early for Birmingham or any other community where its reappearance is indicated to take necessary steps to stop its pernicious spread.—Alabama Journal (Montgomery).

Klan Leader Challenges Legal Action

Richmond Times Dispatch Richmond Va.

Tue. 5-21-46

ATLANTA, May 20—(UP)—Dr. Samuel Green, the Ku Klux Klan's "grand dragon," today challenged any Federal or State statute which might be used to dismember his white-hooded organization whose demonstrations involve the burning of fiery crosses.

Governor Ellis Arnall, in whose State the klan was revived with cross-burning ceremonies atop Stone Mountain, revealed today that he had asked Attorney-General Eugene Cook for a ruling on what "can be done legally" with the klan in Georgia.

In Washington, United States Attorney-General Tom Clark was reported to be studying plans to curb the klan in any State where it seeks to reorganize and intimidate citizens.

Dr. Green, head of the "mother klan of the nation" in Atlanta, said his organization is a "legally constituted body in Georgia."

"They can't take our charter away from us legally," he said.

Governor Aarnall said that the klan's Stone Mountain demonstration had "brought the name of Georgia into ridicule." He asked Cook to "search the laws of the State to determine if the klan could not be outlawed or have its charter withdrawn."

Meanwhile, for the second week in succession Southern clergymen attacked the klan, topped by the statement of Dr. Louie D. Newton, of Atlanta, newly elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention. Tue. 5-21-46

Assailing the "Stone Mountain desecration," Dr. Newton said that the "cross is not to be burned, but borne; it is not something to be exploited, but experienced."

The Methodist Ministers' Association deplored "any effort to stir up racial prejudice for political or any other purpose among our people in Georgia."

Dr. Herman L. Turner, Presbyterian minister, predicting the demise of the organization as it disintegrated after World War I, added, "that we ought not to be content to wait for that inevitable issue. We ought not to so imperil our capacity for righteous indignation."

Governor Arnall said that if the attorney-general rules that the State has the authority to break up the klan in Georgia, "something will be done about it."

Although the klan has not endorsed any candidate by name in Georgia's forthcoming Democratic gubernatorial primary, it is pledged to support only a candidate endorsing the "white primary." Former Governor Eugene Talmadge is the only candidate so far to take such a stand.

U.S. After Klan Taxes

Atlanta Constitution

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Columbians and Klan Should Be Tarred, Says Ga. Prosecutor

Baltimore, Md.

ATLANTA — Criticizing the order for police for not acting earlier crosses be against the Columbians, Dan d about two Duke, assistant State attorney ed to be due for its greatest expansion, the Atlanta ran to flare again, and abo
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Pointing out that one patrolman is the head of a local Klan unit, Mr. Duke declared further, "If the Atlanta police really want to investigate secret societies, they could do some investigating right in their own department." Sat. 5-11-46

Poisonous Variety

RANKIN'S GREAT OPPORTUNITY

With a little more than half the membership present or voting, the House voted last week, 240 to 81, to allocate $75,000 to the Wood-Rankin Committee on Un-American Activities. Having expended all the previous allocation except $17,308, the Rankinites called for a renewed lease on life because there was only "enough left to operate hardly one month."

The previous allocation of $60,000 made at the beginning of the present session of the Congress has been consumed at a rate of approximately $4,000 a month, or considerably more than $100 a day. There is no limit as to how fast the Wood-Rankin funds may be spent by the Committee. The $75,000 may be spent in one month or six. While $75,000 is a small sum for our government to expend on any legitimate function, still it is too much to spend on Mr. Rankin's Committee. The committee performs no legitimate, constructive function. Chiefly it provides a podium whereon a rabble-rouser can conduct his own little symphony in brass And until Congress purges itself of this degrading appendage, it can expect little prestige among the informed people of this nation.

If we must have a Rankin Committee, then we should demand that the committee justify its frequent allocation of public funds. If we are to maintain a watchdog against un-American activity to the tune of more than a hundred dollars a day we ought to insist that our pooch show a more discriminating nose than Mr. Rankin has demonstrated. It so happens that there is work for a genuine committee on Un-American activities right here in the South at this moment.

All over the South the fiery crosses burn! In Montgomery Birmingham, Atlanta, and a dozen other cities bold recruiting activity is going on day by day. What are Messrs. Wood and Rankin doing about it? If ever they or Congress hope to justify the continued existence of the Un-American Activities Committee, the hour is at hand.

The War Was Not Fought For Freedom of K.K.K.

AFTER all that was so plainly proved about the spiritual affinity between the Ku Klux Klan and the fascist terror that we fought the greatest of wars to overcome, it would seem natural to dismiss, as a thing already doomed, the hooded gang's revival with all the mumbo jumbo of its voodoo rites atop Stone Mountain in Georgia.

However, the incident at this time is unpleasantly meaningful. Linked with a revival of the shame is the fact that political campaigns will be waged this year, and that in Georgia as in many another Southern State the atmosphere will be poisoned with such a fomentation of race prejudice and white-supremacy mouthings as has not occurred since Reconstruction.

For the first time since the disfranchisement of the post-Populism years at the turn of the century, Negroes will be voting by sanction of a freshly interpreted creed of democracy. Demagogues like TALMADGE in Georgia and BILBO in Mississippi already are exploiting this fact as the makings of an appeal to hatred and reaction. There never was a time when the Klan-Nazi doctrine of the *Herrenvolk* has held so large a potentiality for inflaming passions, to the most un-American of ends.

The modern Klan was organized on Stone Mountain, near Atlanta, 30 years ago by a charlatan with an eye on the riches of membership fees and sales of paraphernalia designed for the fascination of arrested mentalities. It mounted to a height of virulence and arrogance in just such a period of postwar confusions as this one.

It dwindled as the loot played out and as honest men spoke the truth of its skulking brutality—dwindled until the ultimate truth was revealed about four years ago and it was ordered disbanded for its alien tone and spirit, suspiciously so much like those of our enemies. That a thing which was deemed un-American and dangerous then should be tolerated now is the same as to say that our professions of freedom and tolerance are only for the moment of a temporary need, not enduring.

State Moves To Wipe Out Klan Rebirth

Attorney General Seeks to Vacate KKK's Incorporation

Attorney General Nathaniel L. Goldstein has taken legal action to wipe out the long-dormant Ku Klux Klan, which recently has shown signs of emerging in New York State from its underground hideout.

Goldstein yesterday obtained an order from Supreme Court Justice Benjamin J. Schreiber which permits him to start action to vacate the Klan's certificate of incorporation and annual the corporate existence of the organization.

His next step is to search for an officer of the KKK so he can serve the summons and complaint. So far his search for same has been fruitless, and if it continues unsuccessful he said that in a few days he will

The Attorney General said he had received complaints last March that the Klan was being re-activated, and an investigation by his office confirmed the fact that the Klan was again stirring after a quiescence of more than 25 years.

"The Klan was interred just before a exoneration of a Freeport policeman who killed two Negro brothers.

Goldstein said that the Klan obtained its state charter in September, 1923, by the subterfuge of evidence was attained by publication and six weeks later will apply for another order which will end the stationery of the Ku Klux Klan as a fraternal college

Group Alpha Pi Sigma, Inc.

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THOMAS L. STOKES

Stone Mountain Desecrated

WASHINGTON—Again the Ku Klux Klan is burning crosses on Stone Mountain near Atlanta. How out of character! What a desecration!

Stone Mountain is a bare head of granite, thrust up by God and nature above the surrounding countryside, like an afterthought of creation to provide variety. It is a place to stand on a fine day and meditate upon the God of all of us in whose eyes we are His creatures, equal in His sight—white, black, yellow, red, Jew, Gentile, Catholic, Protestant.

It was a place where we used to go as children, with our mothers and fathers, with the neighbors, for a picnic. It was the natural wonder of our homeland, the genius of the place, a temple of mystery, majesty and awe, where thoughts were elevated.

I CAN remember my grandmother telling me as a youngster how to her, as a small child, Stone Mountain stood out as the compelling memory of the migration which took her family, in a wagon train, from South Carolina to Alabama, one of those movements of people from worn-out cotton lands to more fertile acres. A child would remember forever that big rock sticking up from the flat countryside.

It hurts to see pictures in the papers of that night scene on the top of the mountain, sheeted figures in the eerie, flickering light of torches and burning crosses, like something from the blood feasts of the Druids.

Perhaps, in every land in every time, there are some who would hide their own inadequacies, their own littleness of souls, behind brown shirts or under sheets, and do collectively, as a mob, the things they would not have the courage or the heart to do as individuals.

Those people are, in some ways, to be pitied.

But not so those who use them as dupes, who exploit them for personal aggrandizement or financial profit. They can only be regarded with scorn by decent folks, and our country is full of decent folks.

UPON THESE exploiters must rest the condemnation by all that is best in our national life and our democracy.

There was another meeting on Stone Mountain, back in 1915, when the Klan was revived—after the long lapse from reconstruction days. Little attention was paid to it a first. It was incorporated as a fraternal insurance society. A strange man by the name of William Joseph Simmons was its first founder, its first "Wizard." It went along for a time without attracting much notice or many members. I remember the signs posted here and there about Atlanta: "1,001 Eyes Are Watching You." Most people knew nothing about it.

Then a skillful promoter got hold of it. He organized it nationally with all those queer titles, and on a financial basis so that the officials all up and down the line, the Kleagres and Cyclops and Kluds and so on, got a cut from the contributions of the suckers. It had a financial motive. What was known as "the sheet factory" at Buckhead, an Atlanta suburb, ran day and night turning out paraphernalia. There was a rake-off on this, up and down the line.

IN THE reaction from World War I, it began to spread. It entered politics. It took over State after State, extending into the North and West. The political scandals of the Klan are now a dark chapter in our history. Politicians bent the knee. In 1924 it got into national politics and was thrown—a spitting, venomous snake—into the National Democratic Convention to fight the nomination of Gov. Alfred E. Smith, of New York, who happened to be a Catholic.

It has been reported cropping up here and there, far away from the South, in this postwar period.

Those who lived through that other terrible era shudder. We can not go through with that again, or anything like it, and hold up our heads to ourselves or the world. After all we have been through, we don't want any Hitlers in sheets throwing their weight around here.

Stone Mountain is a place for the children, a place to lift up the eyes in praise of God, not to plot the persecution of any of His creatures, made in His own likeness—white, black, yellow, red, Jew, Gentile, Catholic, Protestant.

Grand Ruler Of Georgia Klan 'Pays Visit To The Boys Here'

BY TOMMY HILL
News Staff Writer

The medium-sized man with the small, greying moustache looked up and down the ramp at Municipal Airport last night, took a fresh grip on the bulging brown manila envelope in his hand, then smiled as he saw two familiar faces in the crowd. Soon he was whisked away into the night. . . .

Thus, with no more fanfare than would result from a meeting of three tired business men, Dr. Samuel Green, grand dragon of all of Georgia's Ku Klux Klan members arrived in Birmingham to "visit with the boys."

There was no hint of thundering white-robed horsemen, nor burning crosses as the Atlanta physician was met at the airport by Dr. E. P. Pruett, Birmingham physician and exalted cyclops of Alabama Klansmen, and rushed away to a secret meeting with local Klan officials.

"The "dragon's" visit to the Magic City followed by less than a week the burning of five crosses atop historic Stone Mountain near Atlanta and witnessed by more than 2,0000 people. During the two-hour ritual, more than 500 new members were taken into the organization of the invisible empire which was founded on Halloween night, 1866 in Pulaski, Tenn.

DURING A SHORT interview at the airport, Dr. Green was forthright and quick to come to the point with answers to questions—when answers were given. . . .

His fiery tongue—often almost as burning as the traditional crosses of the Klan—lashed out at Ralph McGill, Atlanta's newspapers, communism, and the CIO.

The mild-appearing Atlanta physician declared that chief opposition to the Klan in Atlanta came from a fear that if the Klan were not killed, Eugene Talmadge would be elected governor.

"Of all the candidates in the race," Dr. Green said, "Talmadge is the only strong one to favor white supremacy openly. The opposition fears that if the Klan grows strong, Talmadge will do the same."

Dr. Green said that this didn't necessarily mean that the Klan was endorsing Talmadge for governor.

"You can draw your own conclusions," he said. . . .

"My visit to Birmingham," the dector declared, "has no connection whatsoever with the current Alabama political campaigns. We merely are going to talk over organization plans with the fellows here."

CONCURRENT WITH the burning of the crosses atop Stone Mountain, reports were circulated in Birmingham that a number of crosses had been burned here—one near North Birmingham, but Klan officials here were unable to confirm all the reports. One local Klan official said that some crosses were burned here by Klansmen going to the Atlanta rituals. It was understood that approximately 600 members of the "new Klan" attended the rites in the Georgia city.

Dr. Green's blast at McGill and the Georgia newspapers came one night after McGill, in a lecture here, had compared the spirit behind the Klan with Hitlerism, and had asserted that "as long as the Ku Klux Klan is active, as long as the church and decent people don't speak out against the Klan, then Hitler is still alive. . . ."

"The Klan is a protestant organization," Dr. Green said. "We plan no violence, and people who have done no wrong need have no fear that we will harm them. Every Klansman takes an oath to observe the constituted authority of law, and never take the law into his own hands.

"The Klan, however, is against every ism in the world, except Americanism. We will fight communism in all its forms, and wherever it hits, we shall strike back."

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THE DOCTOR STRESSED that the "white supremacy" theme still keynoted Klan activities, but that no violence was being planned agaist the "good Negroes."

"In the South," he continued, "we always have been able to get along with Negroes. Most of our racial trouble comes as the result of some misguided Northern friends.

"They have tried to kill the Klan many times, but today it is very much alive. . . ."

Activities of the Klan have been kept under cover for many years in Birmingham, but during recent weeks, a large number of members have been passing membership applications to former members and to prospective new members. It is understood that a goal of 150,000 has been set for Alabama by the end of the year.

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THE KLAN WAS RECHARTERED a few months ago in Georgia as an organization for "white gentiles." Activities in Alabama and Tennessee, it is understood, are guided from Georgia headquarters.

The "dragon" said that Klan activities during the war had lagged, but activities were being accelerated rapidly at the present time.

"The Klan has never been dead," he declared.

Dr. Green said he believed in the principles of organized labor, and that he also believed the nation was big enough for two major labor parties.

"These parties must be led by Americans, however," he asserted.

The "dragon," who is a Sunday School teacher in Atlanta, returned to Atlanta by plane after the secret meeting with Klansmen here.

tion "to keep colored in their places, if necessary."

The feeling here is that colored citizens have been complacent to the point where they knew almost nothing about the secret meetings until the recent Klan outbursts.

Ben Carter and Companion Expose Terror Activities of American Fascists

Charge Mobsters Drove Them from Resort; Tried to Crowd Them off Mountain Road

LOS ANGELES—(ANP)—Mobsters drove them off the narrow mountain path at point of guns and tried to crowd them into steep ravines after renting guls of the Ku Klux Klan, believed to have spearheaded the renewed terrorist activities in this section, have been named in a $120,000 suit brought against them by Ben Carter, film actor.

Carter and a companion, William Simmson, their attorney, charge that they were driven from their Big Bear Mountain cabin recently by armed klansmen declaring "no n——rs were wanted there."

The klansmen, Carter says, drove them down the mountain at the point of guns and tried to crowd them into steep ravines after renting them out of their rented cabin at midnight.

Smith's Henchman Named

It is expected that James H. Hanley, grand Kligrapp of the Klan; the Rev. Wesley Swigt, reported henchman of Gerald L. K. Smith; Roy J. Schneider, and others holding offices in the group will be made direct targets of the court action.

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California Moves To Halt Postwar Revival Of KKK

LOS ANGELES — A move to smash the postwar revival of Dixie's knights of terror was made here this week when Atty. Gen. Robert W. Kenny acted to dissolve the Ku Klux Klan charter in this state.

Following a week's probe of the Klan's activities, Atty. Gen. Kenny threw the full weight of the state into an attempt to crush the secret order.

The investigation revealed the KKK's rebirth was spearheaded in San Bernadino County by a henchman of Gerald L. K. Smith, ace rabble rouser and hate monger, leader of the America First Party, recently given a 60-day sentence in Chicago for sedition.

Klan Never Died In State

Other disclosures listed were:

1. The Klan never died out in California as state officials had thought.

2. More than 100 Klan clubs are active in southern California, one in the shadow of the state office building in Los Angeles Civic Center.

3. The Klan was holding open meetings in downtown Los Angeles as recently as 17 months ago.

4. Klan robes, hoods, thousands of Klan pamphlets, and an eight-foot electric "fiery cross" was found in a raid on a downtown building.

Negro Workers Periled

The attorney general asserted he would move for a quo warranto procedure designed to dissolve the charter under which the old KKK was permitted to operate under statures pertaining to non-profit corporations.

Other developments revealed five Negro workers have been barred from Big Bear Valley, 100 miles from Los Angeles, by Klansmen. Atty. Gen. Kenny also disclosed four crosses have been burned in the valley. One of the so-called KKK warnings flamed near a plot of land which the owners were planning to sell to a Jewish purchaser. Another of the crosses was burned outside a cafe which is Jewish-owned.

"Klan To Stay"

Three weeks ago, a white Bear Valley American Legion Post, alarmed at news of the Klan revival, invited G. L. K. Smith's pastor-friend to speak at its meeting. The KKK-worshipping clergyman boldly told the group:

"The Klan is here in Bear Valley to stay. We intend to form restrictive covenants here and elsewhere in order to hold the line of pure Americanism."

Two investigators from Atty. Gen. Kenny's office reported that, posing as prospective Klansmen from a neighboring community they had interviewed one restaurant owner who proudly told them:

"We burned a couple of crosses. It brought results. It stopped the sale of at least one property.

No Application Made

"When you want a little dirty work done, we'll come down and do it and we'll expect you to come up here when we want some dirty work done."

Kenny said last week that incorporation papers of the old Ku Klux Klan still were on record in Sacramento, but that, so far as he could learn, no new application for such a "non-profit organization" had yet been filed.

The attorney general's office is empowered under state law to call in the records of any such organization, and Kenny said he had assigned Special Auditor Charles Manaugh to go over the files in search of information.

"The worst thing that could happen in Southern California, with unemployment prospects and racial tension," said Kenny, "would be the revival of the Klan.

"We intend to smash the organization before it gets started."

'KKK' Sign, Burning Cross Mar Jewish Fraternity House

LOS ANGELES, May 20—(UP)—A cross was burned and the letters "KKK" smeared on a Jewish fraternity house here today as police hunted vandals who destroyed a sacred scroll and penciled two swastikas in a Hollywood synagogue.

The incidents were the latest in a series of race prejudice outbursts that prompted State investigation last month of a reported revival of the Southern California Ku Klux Klan.

Stanley Schlessinger, member of Zeta Beta Tau social fraternity at the University of Southern California, discovered the flaming cross on the fraternity house lawn at 2:15 A. M. The letters "KKK" had been painted in black on the front of the house and etched in the grass with kerosene.

Police thought the fraternity incident might have been a prank, but did not discount the possibility it was klan-inspired.

Fraternity President Al Kotler said neither he nor his fraternity brothers "knew of any organized group or individual students on the USC campus who would execute such an act."

All fraternities and sororities on the campus called a meeting to discuss the incident.

The cross-burning occurred as police investigated the report of Rabbi Max Nussbaum that vandals tore a sacred Hebrew Torah scroll from its ark at Temple Israel, ripped it to pieces, drew swastikas, and scrawled on the wall the German words, "Der Juden Parasite" (the Jewish parasite.)

The scroll, handwritten on rare parchment, was the last Torah to leave Berlin, said the rabbi, who smuggled it out in 1938 under the noses of the Nazis.

"I brought the scroll 6,000 miles to a free country to have this happen," he said. "It is not the defacing that worries me. It is the motive behind such action. The twisted thinking that prompts defacing of a church's sacred property."

During the week end, firemen also quelled a fire started by a cross-burning in a field in North Los Angeles, and last week the city council was asked to investigate a cross-burning on the lawn of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Hickerson, Negro couple fighting real estate race restrictions in their section of the city.

Attorney-General Robert W. Kenny brought action here recently to revoke the klan charter on the grounds its sole purpose is to "bring about racial and religious discrimination."

The klan investigation was started after cross-burning and reports of race terrorism in Big Bear Valley, mountain resort east of here. The klan subsequently was blamed for a cross-burning in the downtown district of the Palm Springs, desert resort.

ROGERS SAYS:

Dixon's Death Reminds Him It's Too Bad Hell Is Only a Myth

By J. A. ROGERS

(The views expressed in this column are those of the writer and do not necessarily express the editorial opinion of The Pittsburgh Courier.—The Editors.)

WE have a Hall of Fame for those who have done most to make this land a better one to live in. Quite as necessary, I think, and even more effective, would be a Hall of Infamy for those who have used their talents in the opposite direction.

To such a Hall of Infamy I would nominate, for first place, Thomas Dixon, who died recently at the age of 82. Dixon was the greatest and ablest opostle of hate and the most formidable foe of Negroes America has ever had. The present crop of race demagogues are Lilliputs in comparison. Bilbo, noisiest of the lot, is but a poor, crude, backwoods Mississippi boy beside Dixon. Dixon, born in Shelby, N. C., son of a parson, had unusual intellectual ability and was an able novelist and a fiery and fluent orator, as great in his line as William Jennings Bryan was in his. A graduate in law, and probably finding that not rabble-rousing enough, he went into the Baptist ministry, but quit that later for the bigger notoriety nationwide lecturing would bring him.

Mr. Rogers

HIS GREAT theme was justification of the South in its then lynching of as high as 162 Negroes annually—I mean known lynchings. The North was then much more Negrophobe than now. Dixon had vast audiences and he cleaned up. He described Negroes as beasts, ever ready to rape white women, who should be lynched without mercy. In his motion picture, "The Birth of a Nation," made from his best selling novel, "The Clansman," there is a scene of a very black Negro chasing a young white girl who finally leaps over a cliff to her death to escape him. Such a scene would not be permitted now but when "The Birth of a Nation," appeared in 1914, that was what the public wanted. Its effect on public sentiment was tremendous and lynching, mobbing, and Negrophobia increased over the nation. The picture was, and still is, hailed as the most stupendous and most profitable effort of Hollywood.

Dixon's novels, all attacking Negroes, sold tremendously, too. Among them were "The Sins of the Fathers," and "The Leopard Spots," such spots being, of course, the pigment in the Negro's skin. Dixon damned all white friends of the Negro, the abolitionists in particular, but like most shrewd Southerners idealized Lincoln, and never failed to quote Lincoln on how Negroes should be kept down as an "inferior" race.

However, there is this about the vending of hate: it is a business of diminishing returns. The preacher of hatred, like the dictator, has but one future to look forward to: failure at the end and even ignominy. Dixon's propaganda was to be his undoing. Thanks to his preachings, his books, and most of all, "The Birth of a Nation," the Klan was revived. This new Klan, seeing that Negrophobia would not bring in enough money in the North and that that field had already been overworked in the South, reached for our white people—Catholics, Jews, and foreign-born. But the Klan took in too much territory then and after a bitter campaign it crept to cover like a wounded snake. Dixon now found himself on the defensive. He was rightly accused of being father of the Klan and to justify himself he took the platform against it. I heard him in one of his blasts against it at the Century Theater in New York. From being the arch-foe of Negroes, he now pretended to be their great friend and defender. In one of his bursts of oratory, he said, "I am willing to defend the Negro with my very life." The lying rogue! I was sitting on the platform with the press and it was all I could do to keep from throwing a chair at his head.

DIXON'S efforts to shift from hate to love was a total failure. His last book, "The Flaming Sword," in which he attempted to undo the great mischief he had done, was a flop. And in some way he had lost the great fortune he made in Negrophobia and through some political friend had to take a clerkship in some federal court in the South. 'Tis a great pity now he's gone that hell is only a theological myth. The retribution he met in this life was not enough.

And look out, Messrs. Bilbo and Rankin and you other peddlers of hate and disunity. Where are your superiors in your field now—Tillman, Vardaman, Blease, Watson?

"And doubly dying shall go down
To the vile dust from whence they sprung
Unwept, unhonored and unsung."

America marches on to greater justice and respect for all its citizens, regardless of creed, color, or origin, in spite of you.

P. S. Last week I was made to say that the people of Argentina are black. Of course, I said no such thing.

Urban League's Annual Award Given N.Y. Pair

White Civic Leader, Minister Recipients of First Interracial 'Friends' Medals

NEW YORK—A white business leader and a colored minister were recipients on May 7 of the National Urban League's awards for outstanding joint leadership in establishing Sydenham Hospital as the first interracial voluntary hospital in New York.

The awards were made to Harry C. Oppenheimer, white, textile executive, and the Rev. James H. Robinson, minister, at a National Urban League dinner, held at the Grand Street Boys' Association.

First Winners

They are the first two recipients of the League's Four-Year Friendship Awards established by the league to signalize outstanding instances of interracial teamwork for the good of the community.

Mr. Oppenheimer and the Rev. Mr. Robinson, who met four years ago, both became interested in the integration of colored personnel into N.Y.C. hospitals and formed the "Organization Committee for an Interracial Voluntary Hospital."

Although this committee was successful in obtaining positions for colored personnel in several hospitals throughout the city, its main achievement was transforming Sydenham Hospital, an 11-story, modern building, into an interracial institution.

Before December, 1943, when the new policy was inaugurated, Sydenham, with 85% of its patients colored, had no colored doctors on its medical staff nor any colored person on its board of trustees.

Barthe Designs Awards

The awards took the form of a master design by Richard Barthe, noted sculptor, and featured the profiles of Wood and Jones on obverse sides.

In receiving the medal from the hands of Rev. John Paul Jones, white, member of the Brooklyn, the Rev. Robinson declared that "the Sydenham project proves that the problem of race relations can be solved if we work together."

The Rev. Mr. Robinson came to New York in 1938 as a student at Union Theological Seminary. He is pastor of the Church of the

Program Inspiring

Charles Poletti, former Governor of New York, and Bryn J. Hovde, director of the New School for Social Research, were other speakers.

Eugene Kinckle Jones, who worked closely together over a period of 35 years in building the Urban League, and featured the

Master, director of the Morningside Community Center, and a member on the Sydenham board of trustees.

OPINION

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This Leopard Didn't Change

Baltimore, Md

"Rejoice not over thy greatest enemy being dead."
—Apocrypha: Ecclesiasticus viii, 7.

To colored people 44 years ago, Thomas Dixon was their greatest enemy. A Baptist preacher for ten years in New York, he was not satisfied by religion. He went on the lecture platform, became a novelist and earned 100 thousand dollars by selling copies of his first book, "The Leopard's Spots," which glorified the Ku Klux Klan and painted colored people as debased creatures unworthy of citizenship.

The late Kelly Miller, famed Howard University professor, in a pamphlet titled, "As to the Leopard's Spots," called him a "high priest of lawlessness and a prophet of anarchy."

Dr. Miller said that Dixon was the kind of white man who boasted of being kind to his servants and of being one of the colored people's best friends.

Dixon pointed out that colored people were relatively backward.

Kelly Miller pointed out that so were the white people in Dixon's home State and that a single northern State like Massachusetts had produced more eminent citizens than all of the South combined.

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As a climax, Dr. Miller taunted Dixon with the allegation of Francis Galton that all of the Anglo-Saxon race has yet produced no man to put beside Socrates and Phidias, the ancient Greeks.

Another book, "The Clansman," was the basis for Griffith's "The Birth of a Nation," which continued the hate and intolerance motif of Dixon's first book.

The Ku Klux Klan, as Dixon saw it, was the brave champion of civilization, the defender of white womanhood and the righteous rebel who acted always from the noblest motives.

Actually, the Klansmen were the gangsters of the South.

The Civil War gave colored people the right to vote. Subsequent civil rights statutes gave colored people everywhere in the United States social equality of treatment in theatres, public conveyances, hotels and places of amusement.

The Klan conspired to prevent colored people from registering, voting, holding office and serving on juries.

For years the Kluxers by night riding, burning, fiery crosses, mask wearing, tarring, feathering and killing innocent people, kept colored people from voting in the South in defiance of the law.

It was not until 1890 that Mississippi, with its literacy tests and Louisiana with its grandfather clause found legal ways to bar colored people from the polls while whites who were illiterate, were exempted.

The conspiracy, fraud, craft and cowardice of the Klan were too much for the American people to stomach. It declined and disbanded.

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There have been sporadic attempts since to revive it. These efforts continue even to this day, but it took sixty years for colored people, through application to the courts, to get rid of the grandfather clauses, the white primary and other State disfranchising laws which were put upon the statute books chiefly by the Ku Klux Klan and its supporters.

The Apocrypha is correct. There is no need to be glad for the death of your greatest enemy. Let him live, as Dixon did, to lose all of the fame and acclaim that was his; to lose out as a preacher and as an author.

Dixon had to take a job as a clerk in the Federal Court to earn his bread and butter.

Here is one son of North Carolina buried, who, from our point of view, is unwept, unhonored and unsung.

RALPH T. JONES

Let's Decontaminate Our Stone Mountain

Constitution, Atlanta, Ga

It is not necessary to know the entire history of Stone Mountain to realize it contains within itself an aura of sanctity. The very marvel of its existence induces, in the heart and spirit of the sensitive onlooker, a feeling of reverence for the Divine Creator who set so inspiring a marker upon His earth. The majesty of its vastness, the feeling it has been there since the beginning and will endure until earthly things pass away, awakens an inner feeling of worship of God and His Nature.

To those who have this feeling about our natural wonder, the great mound of granite, it has been as though something almost divine has been desecrated by the gatherings of the Ku Klux Klan on its slopes. It is a contamination of something noble and precious when men, espousing intolerance and hatred as a cause, spill their filthy theories within its precincts. It is something particularly shameful that the outside world should connect this natural altar to a God of Love with men who preach enlistment in the armies of hate.

Monday

It Can Be Redeemed

It is, therefore, good to know there is, at last, a proper program for the Mountain under way, a program which will make reality of the nobility of dedication which is the Mountain's right.

The people of DeKalb County, through the DeKalb County Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture, through their public officials and others, have set on foot plans for the Mountain which will make of it a monument to peace, instead of a breeding ground for hate.

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Those plans, inevitably, include completion of the great Monument to the Confederacy, already begun on one face of the Mountain. At least the figure of Lee upon his famous charger, Traveler, will be completed. When that is done the shame of the incompleted memorial will be removed and the people of all the world will view it with awe and admiration, instead of with the sneer that comes when many see it today.

The plans are to be financed by making the road to the Mountain a toll road. Bonds to cover the necessary cost can then be issued, the toll revenue to pay the interest and retire them in a few years.

Another road for through traffic for Monroe, Athens and beyond, will be built, a mile away from the Mountain.

Pathway to Peace

It is on the northern approach to the Mountain that the symbolic development will center, however. There a pathway, upwards, will be constructed, leading from one shrine to another, all significant of the pathway mankind must follow if the world is ever to achieve lasting peace.

There will be, at intervals upon this road, shrines dedicated to the forces which make for peace.

To the church and the home. To the schools and to education. To health and better life.

To the basic rights of mankind—freedom of religion, freedom of speech and of press, freedom from fear, freedom from want. The great ideals this nation has proclaimed and which it seeks to make reality for all the world.

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Over all these shrines will be one great dedication: dedication to the youth of the world, for only in youth, in the new generations, can we place our hope for achievement of the ideals of which we dream.

A Great Cross

There will be, on the redeemed Stone Mountain, no burning of the fiery cross, symbol of hate's destruction of the Holy Cross of Christianity. Instead, on the highest place, there will be a great cross of stone, a symbol of the religion of sacrificial Love, the religion which will someday bring to pass that Peace for which we pray.

The pathway of the shrines will not go all the way to the Cross. For the goal of Peace is not yet attained. It will end, some distance from the top, to be completed and carried to the foot of the Cross only when mankind has struggled here in fact.

There, in dim outline, is the plan and the dream DeKalb County has for the future of Stone Mountain.

When that dream is realize men and women of all the world will learn of it and will turn 'their footsteps to this Shrine, dedicated to Peace. A new shrine? No, only the materialization of an ideal for which God's creation, the inspiring Mountain itself, has stood ever since the great mound of granite arose during the laboring of the newborn earth.

One of the first things to be done, in these plans for the Mountain, is to forever forbid use of the Mountain by those whose very presence desecrates its spirit.

The Ku Klux Klan must be forever forbidden to use the Mountain as site for its foul and foolish antics.

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Relic of Reconstruction

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The recent Georgia cross-burnings were the first indication that it had returned.

Government officials have publicly condemned the resurrection.

Monday

House Group To Investigate Klan's Revival

Richmond Times

Atlanta in Inquiry

WASHINGTON, May 26—(UP)—Barring unforeseen developments, investigators for the House Committee on Un-American Activities will leave for Atlanta tomorrow for an on-the-spot inquiry into revival of the Ku Klux Klan, it was revealed tonight.

Representative Gerald W. Lan-

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Members Express Surprise

Several other members of the committee said they were unaware of plans to look into the Klan.

"It's all news to me," one said. "I know it has never been discussed at any committee meeting.

One committee official said he was primarily interested in the burning of fiery crosses at Stone Mountain, Ga. He said the

Probers Will Visit

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It is not an idea brought to the floor of the Klan Konklave. Those participating include two well-known racketeers.

From this meeting it was reported to me factually that they had gone to see a Negro who had a good character and a good record. They offered him $5,000 in cash if he would enter. They advised him they would also pay his entry fee. They then further advised that he leave town, probably to Havana, Cuba, until the "excitement" died down. They reported back that the Negro had taken it "under advisement." The Negro, reportedly, is very much upset.

Their idea was that if a Negro could be persuaded or bribed to run for office it would bolster the propaganda—which the sensible people of Georgia properly are rejecting—that the "niggers" are trying to take over politics. This is the theme of one of the candidates and they want to help him fake it.

My informant has given me the name of the Negro contacted and also the names of some of those on the Committee.

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Koklan This is the way this one was worked. The Cyclops refers matters to the Kavalier Klub. The boys don't really trust one another. So, when they want further to narrow down action they refer it to the Koklan. This isn't so good either, so they have a further "secret Committee." This isn't covered by the rules and regulations, but they have it.

This time the members of the secret Committee who wanted to do this job are narrowed down some more to what, for want of other words, must be called the "secret, secret Kommittee."

They hope to persuade the Negro to take the $5,000 and qualify. They then hope this will stir up a riot or riots. Again I would like to repeat the candidate has had no part in this. He has merely said he would welcome the KKK support and they are trying to help him.

There has been discussion, before the full membership, that if some "trouble" could be stirred up nearer the time of the primary it would "help" this candidate who has solicited KKK support. No definite action has yet been taken. Similar influences are seeking where they can to find Negro dupes to "qualify" as minor candidates. This is part of the plan.

Sunday.

Surprise They also have been discussing a surprise or, as they call it, a "bombshell." When Imperial Wizard James Colescott replaced the genial Doc Evens, known to his friends as "the Wiz," that gentleman mailed out to a number of men about the State an unsolicited membership card already filled out. It was a sort of honorary membership. Those receiving them had never applied for membership, had never been to a meeting and had had no sort of affiliation. Some persons kept the cards. A few, even, may have affiliated themselves. Others simply threw the cards away or mailed them back.

But the boys have got the lists and so they are planning to fake claims of membership in the Klan. That is one of the things they are working on and talking about gleefully.

So, you may expect, any day now, charges of Klan membership to be spread around where they think it will smear.

One of the candidates for Governor is a former Klan official and another has solicited Klan support. They are anxious to distract attention from that so they will attempt, by fake charges supported by Colescott's list, well photostated, to smear some of those opposing them.

I have the confessions made by the Klansmen in 1940, at the time Ike Gaston was found flogged to death and at the time a great many other men were beaten to the point of death.

This talk of secret Committees sounds far-fetched but these confessions tell about them and so I will get around to them in a day or so.

Meanwhile, I present this factual plan of what the KKK actually has discussed and what it plans through "secret" Committees. I doubt if the Cyclops himself knows about the Negro candidate plan. They told me he knew about it "unofficially" and therefore will be able to deny it "vigorously."

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I present this again as evidence that the KKK is an evil and vicious gangster-minded outfit. It cannot stay still. It must progress always toward more evil and violence. The few misguided, sincere members are left to entertain themselves with the masks and the fol-de-rol of ritual. "The boys" do the work.

not suggesting or recommending a return of the Klan. We don't operate on that basis. On the other hand, anyone who has his head out of the sands can see the imminent storm of force and anarchy in this country unless power crazed leaders of labor organizations, some of whose agents are working in Andalusia today, are made to submit to laws enacted for the protection and welfare of all people and are led to a state of conscious regard for the rights of others, unless the Congress of the United States awakens to its responsibility to all the people and unless the people return to "Principle" after their long carousal with "Pottage."

This is the struggle as we see it in Andalusia and in the Nation and we are in it to the finish. No, we do not suggest the use of force as The Advertiser implies. That is exactly what we condemn in our "unwanted visitors." We know a better way that was taught by the Master nearly every last one of us in Alabama and the nation.

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All the fault in these days is not in labor organizers, good friend Jones. There's a big share of it right here in Grandma's editor—and there may even be a little scattered around among some other folks in Montgomery and Andalusia. If the Master were here, don't you suppose he would tell every man to search his own heart?

SHALL WE ALL ACCEPT A SHARE?

Montgomery Advertiser

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It is not an idea brought to the floor of the Klan Konklave. Those participating include two well-known racketeers.

From this meeting it was reported to me factually that they had gone to see a Negro who had a good character and a good record. They offered him $5,000 in cash if he would enter. They advised him they would also pay his entry fee. They then further advised that he leave town, probably to Havana, Cuba, until the "excitement" died down. They reported back that the Negro had taken it "under advisement." The Negro, reportedly, is very much upset.

Their idea was that if a Negro could be persuaded or bribed to run for office it would bolster the propaganda—which the sensible people of Georgia properly are rejecting—that the "niggers" are trying to take over politics. This is the theme of one of the candidates and they want to help him fake it.

My informant has given me the name of the Negro contacted and also the names of some of those on the Committee.

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Koklan This is the way this one was worked. The Cyclops refers matters to the Kavalier Klub. The boys don't really trust one another. So, when they want further to narrow down action they refer it to the Koklan. This isn't so good either, so they have a further "secret Committee." This isn't covered by the rules and regulations, but they have it.

This time the members of the secret Committee who wanted to do this job are narrowed down some more to what, for want of other words, must be called the "secret, secret Kommittee."

They hope to persuade the Negro to take the $5,000 and qualify. They then hope this will stir up a riot or riots. Again I would like to repeat the candidate has had no part in this. He has merely said he would welcome the KKK support and they are trying to help him.

There has been discussion, before the full membership, that if some "trouble" could be stirred up nearer the time of the primary it would "help" this candidate who has solicited KKK support. No definite action has yet been taken. Similar influences are seeking where they can to find Negro dupes to "qualify" as minor candidates. This is part of the plan. Sunday.

Surprise They also have been discussing a surprise or, as they call it, a "bombshell." When Imperial Wizard James Colescott replaced the genial Doc Evens, known to his friends as "the Wiz," that gentleman mailed out to a number of men about the State an unsolicited membership card already filled out. It was a sort of honorary membership. Those receiving them had never applied for membership, had never been to a meeting and had had no sort of affiliation. Some persons kept the cards. A few, even, may have affiliated themselves. Others simply threw the cards away or mailed them back.

But the boys have got the lists and so they are planning to fake claims of membership in the Klan. That is one of the things they are working on and talking about gleefully.

So, you may expect, any day now, charges of Klan membership to be spread around where they think it will smear.

One of the candidates for Governor is a former Klan official and another has solicited Klan support. They are anxious to distract attention from that so they will attempt, by fake charges supported by Colescott's list, well photostated, to smear some of those opposing them.

I have the confessions made by the Klansmen in 1940, at the time Ike Gaston was found flogged to death and at the time a great many other men were beaten to the point of death.

This talk of secret Committees sounds far-fetched but these confessions tell about them and so I will get around to them in a day or so.

Meanwhile, I present this factual plan of what the KKK actually has discussed and what it plans through "secret" Committees. I doubt if the Cyclops himself knows about the Negro candidate plan. They told me he knew about it "unofficially" and therefore will be able to deny it "vigorously."

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I present this again as evidence that the KKK is an evil and vicious gangster-minded outfit. It cannot stay still. It must progress always toward more evil and violence. The few misguided, sincere members are left to entertain themselves with the masks and the fol-de-rol of ritual. "The boys" do the work.

SHALL WE ALL ACCEPT A SHARE?
Montgomery Adv.

The Covington News, of Andalusia, publishes a two-column editorial in the issue of May 16, headed "Dangerous Talk By The Advertiser." Editor Joe Jones deals with our editorial, "Dangerous Talk In Andalusia," issue of May 13, which objected to his previous suggestion that "It might take the Ku Klux Klan to straighten out" union organizers in Alabama. The NEWS says:

Montgomery Adv.

The Advertiser accuses us of making a suggestion "that will not find favor with any American citizen who believes in fair play" and quotes our editorial "The Ku Klux Klan Is Bound To Come Back." Anyone who knows us, knows that we are not suggesting or recommending a return of the Klan. We don't operate that way. We do not suggest that anyone who has his head out of the sands can see the imminent storm of force and anarchy in this country unless power crazed leaders of labor organizations, some of whose agents are working in Andalusia today, are made to submit to laws enacted for the protection and welfare of all people and are led to a state of conscious regard for the rights of others, unless the Congress of the United States awakens to its responsibility to all the people and unless the people return to "Principle" after their long carousal with "Pottage." We see it in this is the struggle as we see it in the Nation and we are in Andalusia and in the finish. No, we do not suggest in it to the use of force as The Advertiser implies. That is exactly what we condemn in our "unwanted visitors." We know a better way that was taught by the Master nearly every last one of us in Alabama and the nation. Jun. 5-19-46

All the fault in these days is not in labor organizers, good friend Jones. There's a big share of it right here in Grandma's editor—and there may even be a little scattered around among some other folks in Montgomery and Andalusia. If the Master were here, don't you suppose he would tell every man to search his own heart?

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Dangerous Talk In Andalusia

Page Herald

An Editorial in The Montgomery Advertiser

In the nation-wide struggle between management and labor, South Alabama's focal point of danger seems to be the beautiful little city of Andalusia, in Covington County. A bitter struggle is on there as CIO leaders endeavor to organize the textile mills headed by J. G. Scherf, who also is the Mayor of Andalusia.

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Mayor Scherf's resistance is strong, and apparently he is backed by most of the business and professional interests of his city.

The National Association of Manufacturers has stepped into the picture by running large advertisements in local newspapers. The two newspapers have been vocal in their opposition to the labor movement. All of this is more or less to be expected, for it is natural that labor should be opposed by those who believe their interests will be made to suffer under organization of the workers. And this opposition is entirely legitimate—up to a point. Last week there was evidence that at least some elements in Andalusia's defense against organized labor was, in fact, going beyond the limits of decency.

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In an editorial headed, "The Ku Klux Is Bound To Come Back," The Covington News made a suggestion that will not find favor with any American citizen who believes in fair play. The News said:

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"As much as all of us hate to admit it, the possibility of the Ku Klux Klan being re-hashed and reorganized in the South is more of a probability now than a possibility. The people of the South are just not going to take this CIO laying down. Laws hastily passed by a Congress that didn't weigh all the consequences are highly favorable to labor while the public's interest was not protected at the same time. Labor has taken every advantage of these laws to flout the American public in the face. Look at Petrillo, John L. Lewis and his ilk. To our way of thinking, which we admit at times is bordering on the extreme, such men as these should be placed in complete charge of some South Pacific Atoll by themselves for they are really men without countries. It might take the Ku Klux Klan to straighten them out unless the oncoming elections take care of the matter. . ."

Birmingham, Ala.

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Most Americans, The Advertiser included, will be in agreement with Editor Joe Jones when he expresses impatience with the excesses of Petrillo and Lewis. Yet few who love democracy are ready to call on the hood, the fiery cross, and the lash as a means of halting the legal efforts of any group of fellow Americans.

The United States Supreme Court has determined, wisely we believe, that organized labor has certain inalienable rights under the constitution just as management has certain inalienable rights. America is having severe distress today in the determination of these separate rights under law, but we came through a similar period of stress following World War I, and we should have faith that temperate, fair-minded Americans will come through the stress safely once more.

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No community can gain anything in permanent peace and good will by using fear and violence against a part of its citizenship. Employment of Ku Klux Klan threats and other methods of un-American pressure is an invitation to troubles going far beyond the present strike problem in Andalusia.

Move to Outlaw Ku Klux Klan in N.Y. Under Way

Afro American

Supreme Court Justice Signs Order for Proceedings; Called 'Constant Menace'

N.Y.

NEW YORK—Branding it as a "constant menace" and denouncing its "mere existence," State Attorney General Nathaniel L. Goldstein began court action last Week to outlaw the Ku Klux Klan in New York, none of whose incorporators have been found thus far.

Baltimore, Md.

The order starting the proceedings to revoke the charter of the Knights and Women of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., was signed by Supreme Court Justice Benjamin F. Schriber.

The Klan returned to public notice on April 5—after nearly 20 years of silence in the State—by writing a threatening letter to Miss Dorothy Langston, executive secretary, New York Committee for Justice in Freeport.

This committee was sponsoring a meeting on April 9 at Manhattan Center to protest the killing of two colored war veterans, the Ferguson brothers, by a policeman in Freeport, L.I.

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The letter was written on the Klan's stationery and signed "James H. Hanley, Great Kligrapp."

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Stratagem Exposed

The Klan obtained its charter by a stratagem on Sept. 10, 1923, for a seemingly innocent Greek letter fraternity, Alpha Pi Sigma, Mr. Goldstein explained.

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By that time, public sentiment against the Klan's parades and fiery crosses resulted in the enactment of the Walker Anti-Ku Klux Klan law, providing that every organization putting its members under oath must file a roster of members and officers with the State.

The law, however, excepted labor unions and college fraternities. Under this cloak, Mr. Goldstein pointed out, the Klan functioned until Oct. 10, 1925, when it quietly changed its name to the present title.

One Sponsor Found

Newspaper men located Horace A. DeMarest, deputy state motor vehicle commisioner of Queens, by Miss Langston.

Violation of the Walker anti-Klan law, a misdemeanor, is punishable by from one to five years in jail.

Probe Had Started

The attorney general said he had been investigating the revived Klan's activities since March 18, prior to receipt of their letter

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South California Fights Revival Of Klan Terrorism

Daily Worker

New York N.Y.

Wed. 4-17-46

LOS ANGELES, April 16 (FP).—The Ku Klux Klan is openly reviving in southern California, burning fiery crosses in the mountains and terrorizing Negroes, Catholics and Jews.

Thousands of anti-Jewish pamphlets, dozens of hooded white robes and a 10-foot electrically lighted cross were found by Attorney General Robert W. Kenny and investigators in a raid on former Klan headquarters here April 10. Seven Negroes had been run out of Big Bear, nearby mountain town, and Jews had been intimidated by fiery crosses and shots in the streets.

Evidence has also been found linking local klansmen with America First Chief Gerald L. K. Smith. Kenny has pledged court action to outlaw the Klan in California.

The white robes found in the Klan headquarters bore little resemblance to the traditional night rider's bedsheet, but were carefully tailored garments with black and red insignia. The pamphlets, entitled **The Jewish Problem in the United States,** and **The Attitude of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan Toward Immigration,** had been published several years ago.

First indication of the Smith tleup came when the American Legion in Big Bear, alarmed at Klan activities, called in KKKer Rev. Wesley Swift for questioning.

Swift told the legionnaires: **"The Klan is here to stay. We intend to form restrictive convenants here and elsewhere in order to hold the line of pure Americanism."**

The clergyman was a bodyguard for Smith when he spoke here last year.

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Swift refused to answer Kenny's questions about Klan activity in Bear Lakes. Appearing as his attorney was R. C. W. Friday, who is also linked to Smith. He was a supporter of ex-Councilman Made McClanahan of Los Angeles, recently recalled because of his America First activity.

Two of the men run out of Big Bear have filed a $120,000 damage suit against the kansmen and Kenny's staff is preparing court action to dissolve the Klan as a legal organization. Among klansmen named in the action will be Swift, Ted S. Moodle, grand dragon of the Klan when it was chartered in 1931, and Ray J. Schneider, Los Angeles kleagle, who also refused to talk when subpoenaed by Kenny.

The Klan kleagle carried an unlicensed gun to guard Smith at his last appearance here.

It is rumored that klansmen have bought rifles at various war surplus sales here.

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● Last fortnight in Georgia, Governor Ellis Arnall started legal action to revoke the state charter of the Klan.—ED.

Eyes Of World On KKK, Says Attorney General

Bulletin

PHILADELPHIA—Keen eyes the world over are watching such U. S. bigotry as the Ku Klux Klan, said Attorney General Tom C. Clark this week.

Welcoming into citizenship 2,000,000 young men and women who have reached the voting age in the last year and 200,000 who have been naturalized, Clark said:

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". . . Things we do here . . . the decisions we make, the inventions we develop are watched all over the world.

"Therefore we must rid ourselves of such things as organized bigotry—and I mean specifically such an excrescence as the Ku Klux Klan, which recently had the temerity to burn the fiery crosses of hatred in Georgia and California, and perhaps other places."

MOVIE STARS FIGHT KKK

HOLLYWOOD.—Lena Horne, Danny Kaye, Jimmy Cagney, John Garfield and other screen celebrities are up in arms against the KKK revival here.

Daily Worker New York, N.Y.

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Baltimore, Md.

KU KLUX KLAN

ALBERT G. MILLER

ERIC OPPENHEIMER, M.D.

Sirs:

So "The Ku Klux Klan Tries a Comeback" (LIFE, May 27). What a sight! Exactly one year after V-E Day the Klansmen parade again. They greet each other with a left-handed Hitler salute and they show their disrespect for the American flag by placing it to the left of the speakers' table instead of the right, the position of honor. . . .

Chicago, Ill.

Sirs:

. . . Its leader, the "Grand Dragon," should be ousted and blacklisted by the American Medical Association. Why test the atomic bomb on sheep and goats at Bikini? Would it not be a better plan to drop it on the hooded hooligans on Stone Mountain?

L. B. TENNISON JR.

College Station, Texas

ROAD BLOCK

The Road to Ruin

Black dispatch
Oklahoma City, Okla.

If this nation ever sinks into the gutter of ruin, this calamitous decay will root its way into American society through an evil influence such as the order of the Ku Klux Klan, a vicious organization seeking to set its unconstitutional edicts above constitutional guarantees.

We believe it would be well for those today looking with favor upon the Invisible Empire to examine the background of Hitler's rise to power in Germany. Only in this way can dangers existing in un-American organizations such as the Ku Klux Klan be properly recognized and understood. Hitler and his crowd, when they sat around in dirty beer taverns and talked disparagingly about Jews, were at first unnoticed. But they played upon the prejudices of the masses. The organization fed upon the gullibility of those who could be influenced by "master race" propaganda. People looked on and said nothing while the wicked, immoral philosophy of beer guzzlers undermined the constitutional guarantees of German citizzens.

Germany today in ruins, while Hitler rots somewhere in an unknown grave, is living testimony, in fact a prophecy of what will happen in this country if ever the seeds of hypocrisy get as firmly rooted in government in the United States as they were in the pre-war Reich. Every evil has within itself the seeds of its own destruction. One has only to turn to the ruins of Berlin and the German structure to realize and know that hate revives the Dark Ages and will convert civilization into a shambles. Sat. 5-25-46

The Ku Klux Klan, despite the coat of virtue spread over it by those who would laud its activity, immediately following the war between the states, is a vile, unprincipled organization that would destroy government by law and substitute government by men. This is what Hitler did in Germany. He directed attention of the German people to Jews while he destroyed and set aside the basic freedoms of the Junker people. The Klan today seeks to take over control in America and abrogate the constitution, while it slyly directs the attention of the people to Negroes, Catholics and Jews.

The Klan was organized to evade and circumvent the 13th, 14th and 15th amendments to the constitution of the United States. Negroes were shot down and massacred during the Reconstruction period. Terrorism, tyranny and despotism, the very antithesis of democracy, were the weapons with which these cowardly "bed sheet" scoundrels operated. The only reason why Negroes do not vote in the South today is because, unprotected by the federal government which guarantees a republican form of government, Negro voters were openly murdered, while the government turned its back. There is no more shameful page in American history than that which was written by the Klan following 1879 when President Hayes withdrew federal troops from the South.

And now the Klan seeks to revive. It burns fiery crosses on Stone Mountain in Georgia, and in Negroes' front yards in California. A few of the unthoughtful laugh and smirk when they learn Negroes are being terrorized, never realizing that all America lives in the house where the conflabration has been started, and that unless the destructive flames of lawlessness ignited by the Klan are extinguished, all America will wake up some morning with a fiery cross blazing on the dome of the nation's capitol. That is the experience of the Germans, and some day the identical disaster may come to American institutions unless we have the wisdom and common sense to halt lawlessness and anarchy irrespective of the garment it wears. Sat. 5-25-46

The time has come when sincere believers in human freedom must snatch democracy out of the ritual in this country and place this social instrument in action. The constitution of the United States guarantees life, liberty and happiness, the Klan threatens death, segregation and misery. Which shall prevail? Which has the power to enforce its edicts and guarantees? What right has an invisible government to dictate patterns of living, doing violence to the fundamental charter of the nation?

These are serious challenges to our integrity and honor as a nation. If we turn our backs upon responsibility and duty, retributive justice will penalize and destroy. America cannot continue to exist unless America thinks in terms of "One nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Loss of Occupation

The Tampa Tribune

Othello was a colored man, a Moor, who was [illegible] by the Venetians a great soldier and a fine fellow, and if the kluxers in Indiana, Georgia, Long Island and other out-of-the-way places would unmask the Liberals in those regions would be like Othello. "Othello's occupation's gone"—a sad saying it was. The kluxers, who appear now subdued in their behavior, even in Indiana, remain the principal food for thought relished by the Uplifters in the Harlems

A Few in the Hill

Ellis Arnall, Esq., chief executive of Georgia, denies an allegation attributed to Eugene Talmadge, Esq., that he is or ever was a Kluxer, and we believe that Mr. Arnall's denial is credible and ought to be credited. Northern imagination has created in Georgia 1,000 Kluxers to each one in being. The masked Georgians are small potatoes and few in the hill. Indiana was the imperial state of the invisibles. Jul. 8-6-46

Raises Presumption of Guilt

Whenever men wearing masks are charged with assault and battery or other crime, evidence that they were masked creates a presumption in the minds of other men that they are guilty as charged. Kluxers wear masks. Charleston, S.C.

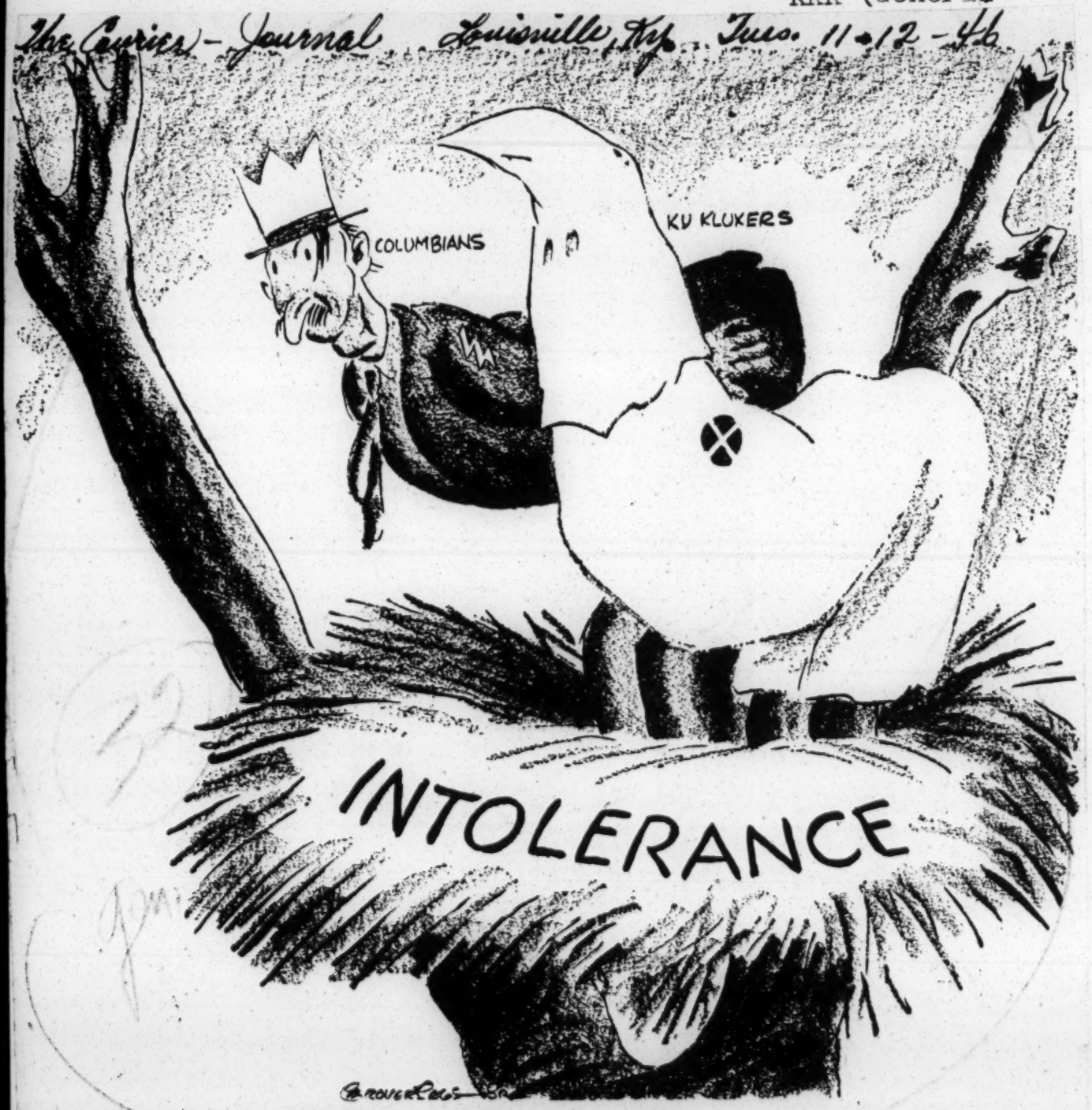
Deadly as Hitlerism

Editor Constitution: Have read what your paper has to say regarding a menace as deadly as Hitlerism.

Every State in our Union should

Columbia, Tenn.

MRS. M. T. RAYBURN.



The Courier-Journal, Louisville, Ky., Jan. 11-12-46

Birds of a Feather

Is the Klan Coming Back?

The Newsweek New York, N.Y.

Atlanta, Ga.—The Ku Klux Klan, at a public "konklave" attended by some 600 masked and robed men, tonight "naturalized" 350 new members. 7/17/46

Red Bank, Tenn.—Five robed and hooded men last night burned a cross in front of a store owned by a Jewish woman.

Waco, Tex.—A group of masked men last night burned to the ground the Baptist church in nearby Downsville.

Palo Alto, Cal.—The letters *"KKK,"* pointed toward this city's Negro district and too carefully painted to be the work of pranksters, were found today on a local street.

Almost daily, reports of threats and violence toward minority groups appear in the nation's press. Some of this is definitely Ku Klux Klan activity. The rest may be just lawlessness hiding behind a convenient mask.

Is this simply a symptom of postwar unrest? Or is the nation in for a revival of the hooded terror, rampant after World War I, when the Klan reached a claimed membership of 10 million men?

Conception. If this is a revival, it's the third resurrection. The first Klan was organized after the Civil War in Pulaski, Tenn., by Confederate veterans. The words "Ku Klux" were adopted as a name, reportedly because they resemble the sound of a rifle being cocked.

This Klan was confined to the South, was devoted to "white supremacy," but its robed and hooded members beat and lynched carpetbaggers and "scalawags," as well as Negroes. It disbanded officially in about 10 years, but continued locally for several more.

The second Klan originated in 1915 in the brain of W. J. Simmons of Atlanta. He had a gift for ritualism and "mumbo-jumbo," but it was E. Y. Clark, an Atlanta press agent, who spotted its possibilities. Clark organized the sale of robes and other paraphernalia, pushed a hate campaign against Negroes, Jews and Catholics, made it rich and powerful. In many states, and especially Georgia, it virtually controlled elections. It was at this time that Justice Hugo L. Black (and many other politicians who were never publicly unmasked) joined up.

Virile Descendant. This Klan quickly outgrew the South and spread across the nation. It hit its peak in 1928 when Al Smith, a Catholic, ran for President.

In the 30s the Klan began to crumble before the attacks of the churches, the press and enlightened civic leaders. Otherwise-respectable men got out, leaving the Klan to its worst element whose excesses, including murder, brought prosecution and an order by national officials to unmask.

But the death blow was a Federal tax assessment of nearly $700,000. In 1944 the Klan suspended activities as a national organization and sold its physical assets. Only an unnamed board of directors continued to function.

Grandchild. Today's Klan resembles the grandfather more than the father, is most active in the South. A testy little Atlanta obstetrician, Dr. Samuel Green, heads up what he claims is simply an informal organization of local Klans, not a national group.

He sponsored the Stone Mountain initiation, says the Klan is open to all "native-born, white, Protestant, Gentile American citizens." Its platform calls for "white supremacy, opposition to Communism, America for Americans, American leadership of American labor unions."

Green denies the Klan is anti-Labor, says it's only anti-Communist, but it has become much more active since the CIO and AFL started organizing drives in the South.

Politics. Right now Green's Klan is harping hardest on "white supremacy." With the South's traditional "white primaries" now open by court order to Negroes, the oldline politicians fear the voting power of Georgia's million Negroes. There are three Democratic candidates for governor in Georgia's July primaries (See: *Georgia's Last Chance*, p. 15). None has official Klan backing, but Eugene Talmadge and the Klan see eye-to-eye on the Negro question. E. D. Rivers hasn't committed himself. 7/17/46

James V. Carmichael is strongly anti-Klan and his strongest backer, Gov. Ellis Arnall, has thrown all the state's powers into a fight against the Klan, trying to get the state charter which Green reactivated

Opposition. Meanwhile the churches, the press, and throughout the nation, have renewed the fight against Klux Klan and all it stands for. They hope Perhaps they can. The Klan has a self "civilized" states. Southern kluxers can afford a trip to New York is a rare bird, and them and police and 37 men were injured. Thirteen rioters were sent to jail. It is enment has moved in again, too, pressing its old tax suit.

But the Klan is a threat. The preju-dice in the South. The Southern kluxer who day a "bloody battle" was fought between "bund" and the "Ku societies. Were the Hollywood rioters masquerading as members of the German "bund" and the "Klan" has been unearthed. This evi-ed they would be more dangerous to the public peace than they are, and last Wednesdence implicates kluxers of New York, not day a trip to New York, and there has not been a German-town Democratic rioters were sent to jail. It is en-couraging to read that police opposition to this society that calls it-self a South-wide state. When "klan" was flourishing 25 years ago 40,000 or 50,000 paraded in Washington, 30,000 or 40,000 were marchers. and nearly all of them were from Indiana, New Jersey, Ohio and other states. New York, Pennsylvania and other states. Southern kluxers can afford a trip from Atlanta to Stone Mountain about a dozen or 20 miles distant, but that is the limit of their itinerary. The News-Courier is intolerant of secret political

The News and Courier
Another "Bloody Battle"
One reads that evidence of connection be-

Mergen, Atlanta Journal

It figures in Georgia politics.

The Klan come back? Have you tried to buy any sheets lately?

Hutton, Phila. Inquirer

It flourishes on intolerance.

4 Down, 44 to Go

The Courier Pittsburgh, Pa. Sun. 10-26-46

Following the action of New York State, the Supreme Court of the State of New Jersey outlawed the Ku Klux Klan last week on the basis of information from Attorney General Walter D. Van Riper, who declared its objectives "improper" and that it had had a link with the German-American Bund.

There are forty-four more States in which such action should be speedily taken, and it ought to be quite easy to have the hooded order ousted in New England's six States, in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Illincis and elsewhere outside the South.

There is a chance that some States below the Mason-Dixon Line and the Ohio River might do likewise.

This might well be done everywhere by local campaigns carried on by liberal-minded Americans rather than nation-wide drives.

It has not been sufficiently brought home to most Americans that organizations like the Klan are a great menace, not only to racial and religious minorities, but also to progressive elements of all kinds.

As such groups grow in power and influence, they extend their activities far beyond their original objectives, as the old Ku Klux Klan did in the 1920's.

Meeting secretly in disguise, these groups are a standing invitation to the subnormal, vicious and antisocial elements which are to be found everywhere, and as these organizations grow they emerge from their secret meeting places and ever more boldly indulge in their sadistic practices, and soon get political ambitions, with many job-seeking politicians begging their support.

It is noteworthy that several men holding high plac in the Federal Government were once full-fledged members of the Ku Klux Klan; and, as Senator Bilbo says, "Once a Ku Klux, always a Ku Klux."

We can never be free of organized bigotry until organizations like the Ku Klux Klan are outlawed in every State of the Union.

THE LIVING SOUTH

The Informer

By HAROLD PREECE

Houston, Texas

Killing The Ku Klux Klan

I wouldn't lay down a plugged dime on the prospect of U. S. Attorney General Tom Clark busting up the Ku Klux Klan before it busts up America.

If I were a betting man, I

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It's not that I've got any personal feud against Tom Clark when I say this. I've always said howdy to him and he's always said howdy to me whenever I've met him back in Texas where we both come from. It's just that I know that bigger men than Tom Clark pull the strings which make Tom Clark and practically every other official of our federal government jump.

Of course, I'm glad that the nationwide protest which followed the Monroe, Georgia lynchings forced Tom Clark to order an investigation of the KKK in seven Southern states where it has been rampaging. But I'm hoping that we'll all make him sweat so that the investigation will end up on the rockpile, with ku kluxers breaking rocks, instead of in a pigeonhole in Tom Clark's office. In fact, I think that the only way to keep the probe from winding up in a pigeonhole is to use the sweat treatment.

But I feel that if the Klan is going to be wrapped up in its own feathers and drowned in its own tar that the people of the South, along with their fellow—Americans of other sections, will have to do the job and not wait on Tom Clark.

I'm even more conscious of what we have to do after reading the August 7 number of the Action Letter of the Los Angeles Committee of Correspondence. Los Angeles has been plagued by the Klan like we've been plagued by it. Editors Annette Cimring and T. K. Wright don't say what I'm strongly tempted to believe—that Tom Clark's FBI itself is riddled with Klansmen. But they do pass the responsibility for smashing the Klan on to us and for reasons that make sense.

KLUJISM IS FASICISM

"In Germany," they write in an article entitled "Lynch Law," "A mob of fanatics, backed by powerful political groups and financed by big business, took over the government. They proceeded to submit a minority group, the Jews, to all kinds of indignities, ending in mass murder by burning. This we called Nazism, or generally fascism.

In the U. S. a mob of Dixie barbarians—backed by the Southern Democratic machine and financed by Northern industry, continue to this very day to lynch, shoot, blind and terrorize a minority group, the Negro. This gentlemen, is fascism, American style, 1946 style, post-Nazi style. "Since the first of the years, there has been anti-Negro violence in Birmingham, Alabama, Aiken, S. C., Columbia, Tenn., Monroe, Ga., and elsewhere. The poison has even overflowed the Mason-Dixon line into Freeport, N. Y., and other areas.'

Then the editors warn us in words that carry the ring of truth: "The Democrats will do little about this situation as they hope to retain the Southern vote in the 1948 presidential election. The best we can expect from the Texan Attorney-General is some nonsense about a 'communist plot.'

"The Republicans will do little about it, too, as they are political bedfellows in a reactionary congressional coalition against progressive legislation. They will talk sweet and vote against cloture. And in California and New York, where KKK and anti-Negro provocations mount, presidential timber Earl Warren and Tom Dewey will continue their do-nothing tactics."

The editors urge that citizens write President Truman, Attorney-General Clark, and Postmaster-General Robert Hannegan, who is also national chairman of the Democratic party, at their offices in Washington, D. C., "demanding an end to anti-Negro violence, an end to American fascism, and renewed defense of civil liberties."

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Mergen, Atlanta Journal

It figures in Georgia politics.

The Klan come back? Have you tried to buy any sheets lately?

Hutton, Phila. Inquirer

It flourishes on intolerance.

4 Down, 44 to Go

The Courier Pittsburgh, Pa. Sun. 10-26-46

Following the action of New York State, the Supreme Court of the State of New Jersey outlawed the Ku Klux Klan last week on the basis of information from Attorney General Walter D. Van Riper, who declared its objectives "improper" and that it had had a link with the German-American Bund.

There are forty-four more States in which such action should be speedily taken, and it ought to be quite easy to have the hooded order ousted in New England's six States, in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Illincis and elsewhere outside the South.

There is a chance that some States below the Mason-Dixon Line and the Ohio River might do likewise.

This might well be done everywhere by local campaigns carried on by liberal-minded Americans rather than nation-wide drives.

It has not been sufficiently brought home to most Americans that organizations like the Klan are a great menace, not only to racial and religious minorities, but also to progressive elements of all kinds.

As such groups grow in power and influence, they extend their activities far beyond their original objectives, as the old Ku Klux Klan did in the 1920's.

Meeting secretly in disguise, these groups are a standing invitation to the subnormal, vicious and anti-social elements which are to be found everywhere, and as these organizations grow they emerge from their secret meeting places and ever more boldly indulge in their sadistic practices, and soon get political ambitions, with many job-seeking politicians begging their support.

It is noteworthy that several men holding high plac in the Federal Government were once full-fledged members of the Ku Klux Klan; and, as Senator Bilbo says, "Once a Ku Klux, always a Ku Klux."

We can never be free of organized bigotry until organizations like the Ku Klux Klan are outlawed in every State of the Union.

THE LIVING SOUTH

The Informer

By HAROLD PREECE

Houston, Texas

Killing The Ku Klux Klan

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If I were a betting man, I wouldn't lay down a plugged dime on the prospect of U. S. Attorney General Tom Clark busting up the Ku Klux Klan before it busts up America.

It's not that I've got any personal feud against Tom Clark when I say this. I've always said howdy to him and he's always said howdy to me whenever I've met him back in Texas where we both come from. It's just that I know that bigger men than Tom Clark pull the strings which make Tom Clark and practically every other official of our federal government jump.

Of course, I'm glad that the nationwide protest which followed the Monroe, Georgia lynchings forced Tom Clark to order an investigation of the KKK in seven Southern states where it has been rampaging. But I'm hoping that we'll all make him sweat so that the investigation will end up on the rockpile, with ku kluxers breaking rocks, instead of in a pigeonhole in Tom Clark's office. In fact, I think that the only way to keep the probe from winding up in a pigeonhole is to use the sweat treatment.

But I feel that if the Klan is going to be wrapped up in its own feathers and drowned in its own tar that the people of the South, along with their fellow—Americans of other sections, will have to do the job and not wait on Tom Clark.

I'm even more conscious of what we have to do after reading the August 7 number of the Action Letter of the Los Angeles Committee of Correspondence. Los Angeles has been plagued by the Klan like we've been plagued by it. Editors Annette Cimring and T. K. Wright don't say what I'm strongly tempted to believe—that Tom Clark's FBI itself is riddled with Klansmen. But they do pass the responsibility for smashing the Klan on to us and for reasons that make sense.

KLUJISM IS FASICISM

"In Germany," they write in an article entitled "Lynch Law," "A mob of fanatics, backed by powerful political groups and financed by big business, took over the government. They proceeded to submit a minority group, the Jews, to all kinds of indignities, ending in mass murder by burning. This we called Nazism, or generally fascism.

In the U. S. a mob of Dixie barbarians—backed by the Southern Democratic machine and financed by Northern industry, continue to this very day to lynch, shoot, blind and terrorize a minority group, the Negro. This, gentlemen, is fascism, American style, 1946 style, post-Nazi style. "Since the first of the years, there has been anti-Negro violence in Birmingham, Alabama, Aiken, S. C., Columbia, Tenn., Monroe, Ga., and elsewhere. The poison has even overflowed the Mason-Dixon line into Freeport, N. Y., and other areas.'

Then the editors warn us in words that carry the ring of truth: "The Democrats will do little about this situation as they hope to retain the Southern vote in the 1948 presidential election. The best we can expect from the Texan Attorney-General is some nonsense about a 'communist plot.'

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Daily Worker, New York, N.Y. 10-19-46

Stetson Kennedy, 30-year-old se- The author reveals that he be- came a member of the Klan, the Columbians and the American Gen- uniformer. Mr. Kennedy is a na- tive of South Georgia; his grand- father fought for the Confederacy and he is the descendant of two signers of the American Constitu- tion, William Williams and Arthur Middleton.

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Klan, Columbians Deny Charges, Ask More Facts

The Afro-American
Baltimore, Md.

By STAFF CORRESPONDENT

ATLANTA — (Special) — Georgia's Attorney General Eugene Cook declared on Saturday that he plans to continue the fight to revoke the charters of both the Ku Klux Klan and the Columbians, during the Talmadge administration, if he does not win his cases during the Arnall administration.

The Attorney General made the comment following legal moves by counsel of the race-baiting groups, which made it appear the Klan case would be delayed until after Governor-Elect Talmadge takes office Jan. 13. Sat. 12-7-46

Identical Answers Given

Attorneys for both hate groups gave identical answers Friday to Georgia's suits seeking to revoke their charters—they said that the suits did not specify names and were too vague to support charges laws "do not apply because defendants are not holders or claimants for public office."

Talmadge Sick Again

Meanwhile, Governor-Elect Talmadge was admitted to Piedmont Hospital Friday, following what was described as another stomach attack. Piedmont Hospital reported that the race-baiting official was resting "more comfortably" Saturday. Sat. 12-7-46

Attaches at the hospital said Talmadge was suffering "a little disturbance" which physicians hope to have corrected in a few days. Talmadge had been discharged from the hospital only a week previous.

A report that he, like Senator Bilbo, was suffering from a cancer ailment, was denied vehemently in the Talmadge camp.

The first action filed for the Klan by Mr. Belser as a traverse of service plea, in which he asked that the suit against the hooded order be thrown out, contended that instead of serving the defendant Klan through its officials, service was made on the attorney himself.

Superior Judge E. E. Pomeroy set Dec. 13 for a hearing on this question, which takes priority over the suit proper and assures that the State's case cannot be heard until some time in January.

Also filed was a plea in abatement, which contained special demurrers to every paragraph in the recently filed amendment to the State's original suit. The amendment charged connections between the Klan and the German-American Bund.

Specific Instances Wanted

Requesting more facts, Belser argued that the State's suit was defective in that it did not say "in what manner" the order had nazi or fascist aims, engaged in subversive racial discrimination, or collaborated with the German Nazi bund as charged.

The plea in abatement cannot be heard, according to observers, until after disposition of the traverse of service plea.

However, even if Belser had not filed the two actions Friday, courthouse aides said, the case could not have gone to trial before the first jury week in 1947, the week of Jan. 13.

Jan. 14 is inauguration day for Governor Talmadge. It is also the day Assistant Attorney General Dan Duke, the Klan buster, has announced he will resign from the State Law Department.

Only Conclusions, They Say

Meanwhile, also on Friday, the Columbians filed a demurrer to similar quo warranto proceedings brought by the State against that organization, declaring that the suit was based on "conclusions of the pleader" without any facts to back them up.

The Columbians' answer to the State's suit against them was filed Friday morning by J. E. B. Stewart, who contends that the allegations in the case were conclusions not backed by facts and also denied that Governor Arnall had any legal ground for ordering the suit brought.

The Afro-American
Baltimore, Md.

A controversy, meanwhile, loomed over whether the Columbian answer was filed within the five-day extension granted the previous Saturday by Judge E. E. Pomeroy.

Assistant Attorney General Dan Duke, pleader in the Columbians' case, said he would protest the reply on grounds the time expired Thanksgiving Day—a legal holiday.

Default Judgment Possible

Judge Pomeroy, in whose chambers Duke slugged Columbian President Emory Burke to the floor, declined to say whether he would allow the Friday answer because of the fact the courthouse was closed on Thanksgiving.

Should Judge Pomeroy not allow the answer, the Columbians would be subject to default judgment. Otherwise, Judge Pomeroy said a hearing might be set for Dec. 6 or Dec. 16, "or might not be heard until after Christmas."

Ask for Names

The Columbian reply alleged:

"That the State does not specify any definite illegal actions on the part of the Columbians.

"That the State does not set forth how the order allegedly carries on affairs for disseminating racial and religious prejudices, intolerance and hatred.

"That the State does not offer names of people allegedly beaten and terrorized and does not specify 'what officers or how one of its members were honored for allegedly committing crimes.'"

State's Policy Indefinite

The Columbians' answer further charged that the State, in accusing them of action 'contrary to law and policy of this State,' did not set out what the public policy of this State is."

A further claim was made that there is no authority for the attorney general to institute and prosecute the present case, and declared that the quo warranto of "subversive activities."

Ku Klux Klan Counsel Morgan Belser Friday filed two actions in Fulton Superior Court designed to throw the State's charter revocation suit over into 1947, when the "Sage of Sugar Creek," who ran on a white supremacy platform takes over the government.

Observers immediately foresaw that Georgia's suit against the order would probably never go to trial.

Technicalities Raised

The State's case apparently was stymied by court calendar technicalities throwing it over into next year and to the Talmadge administration which has announced its intention of ordering the action dropped as soon as the governor-elect is inaugurated.

HAROLD MARTIN

The Constitution
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If You Believe, Say You Believe

(Editor's Note: The following column by Harold Martin appeared in The Constitution a week ago today. It has brought much favorable comment and is reprinted, by request, for the benefit of those who missed it.)

The Boys' Glee Club sang "Zekiel Saw De Wheel." The words said:

"Zekiel saw de wheel, way up in the middle of the air. Zekiel saw de wheel, way in the middle of the air. The big wheel runs by faith, and the little wheel runs by the grace of God. Wheel in a wheel, way up in the middle of the air."

Then the principal of the school handed out the scholarship certificates. To Barnes, June and Borders, Juel, and Gary, Willie, and 20-odd others, he gave awards for making no mark lower than "A" throughout their elementary-junior high school career, and to Adkins, Thomas and Alexander, Nora and Brown, Annie, and more than 200 others, who made no mark lower than "B," he gave certificates.

They were clean, neatly dressed, well-mannered children. They were obviously intelligent, as their school marks indicated.

Yet there is not much opportunity ahead of them. Not much chance for them to use their good manners, and their ambition, and their intelligence. They should become—and with opportunity they might become—doctors and lawyers and teachers. Their race needs desperately the services of their own professional men. They should become businessmen, serving their own race, which needs more leaders in the field of business.

Victims Yet most of them probably will never have the chance to use their full talent, their full intelligence, their full ambition. The wheels they cannot see—the wheels that run, not by the grace of God, nor by faith, but in the minds of men—will carry them along their road. They are the wheels powered by prejudice and oiled by hatred. They are the wheels that spin in the minds of the Kluxers and the Columbians.

The man who might have been a great doctor, an honor to his race and to all men, may see that talent for healing die in a yardman's job, a laborer's job, a chauffeur's job. The girl who might have become a great teacher, a great singer, a nurse whose genius could benefit her people immeasurably, may find the only door open to her the one that leads to a cook's job, a maid's job, a waitress' job. There is honor in such work, as there is in every honest labor. But there is no joy and satisfaction in it, when the one who labors knows that he might have been, given a chance, so much more.

Out of this dissatisfaction stems the Negro's resentment against his lot, and the tide of his anger is rising. Some day the black man's anger and the white man's prejudice will bring on troubles far greater than any we have known so far. They will be troubles which touch us all, not alone the isolated communities where the rare lynch mob walks, or the city neighborhood where the gang bullies the Negro family.

Responsibility If the really troubled time ever comes, the fault will not lie alone with the Kluxers and the Columbians who fanned the flames. It will lie with those of us who did nothing and said nothing to help put out the fire. There are a great many good and solid folk in this town who are the friends of the Negro because their spirit is the basic Christian spirit of compassion, tolerance and good will.

It would help a lot if they would say publicly what they privately believe, instead of permitting the Negro to find his vocal champions among the crackpots and the Communists.

It would require no startling profession of faith. It would require only that it be said that the Negro is a citizen of the United States. As such he is entitled to the equal protection of its laws. He is entitled to the opportunity to be educated to the limit of his capabilities, and once trained he is entitled to the opportuniy to put his training to use. He is entitled to security in his property and in his person. He is entitled to receive a wage commensurate with his service, and he is entitled to the same gratuities in the form of public housing, public health, and welfare grants any other citizen receives.

Act Now! If the folk who feel that way would back up their beliefs to see that they come to pass, the hate groups, driving us fast toward bitter racial strife, would see that mass opinion was against them. Now they are under the delusion that their only opposition comes from the newspapers; from a few leaders like Ellis Arnall; from a few church groups.

If those who believe those things would say them, and practice them, the Negro could take heart. He could see some hope for the future of his race. And with hope would come a subsiding of his anger. Things could be worked out in a spirit of good will.

And the hate organizations could howl their heads off in a vacuum abhorred by the white people, ignored by the Negro.

Nobody Can Be Secure While Hate Is Fanned

The Courier-Journal
Louisville, Ky. Sat. 11-9-46

THE Ku Klux Klan is reorganizing in Indiana, obviously with an eye on political control. In Georgia, the Columbians brazenly flout the law in public meetings and defy action to stop them. Also in Georgia, county peace officers, emboldened by Governor-elect TALMADGE's patronage, protest action by the Federal Department of Justice to protect the civil rights of Negroes.

Here are items in a day's news that in their way provide a greater cause for alarm than anything else on the domestic scene. For in them are clear signs of anarchy, the more shocking because they are so boldly displayed.

News of the Klan's resurgence in Indiana, despite the anonymous nature of its disclosure, sounds like the real thing. In the troubled days after the last war, Indiana was a citadel of Klan power and arrogance that was hardly second to Georgia. Even more than in the latter, the birthplace of the modern Invisible Empire, the Klan in Indiana was frankly an instrument of political domination and spoils. It rose to a height of public and private debauchery, from which it fell abruptly after the conviction of its leader, D. C. STEPHENSON, for a particularly ugly murder.

But as *The Indianapolis Star* describes the Klan's attempt at an Indiana comeback, the very pattern of the gang's program reveals that it is cut from the same old cloth. There is a definite political appeal, an implication of objectives related to government, a veneer of respectability and legality which has always been held up as the lure to the gullible. Its real nature is disclosed in the titillations of prejudice and intolerance—its mouthings of nationalism, racism, religious bias.

The good American feels helpless in the face of these things. On what rests our security? A TALMADGE may incite hatred and violence, and actually win a Governorship thereby. A GERALD SMITH may scatter his poison and actually claim the protection of the law and the Constitution against those who would stop him. A Columbian can laugh at the moral urge of society and all our institutions, and the police can only stand by to see that he breaks no city ordinance.

Our defense against these things must be arduously built. Of course, there is the first step to be taken in unremitting protest by every spokesman of the moral order—the church, the school, the press and radio, the individual decent and responsible citizen.

But these must be more than protests, which are negative actions. They must include a demand for the positive action of improving intellectual and material foundations of our life. No man who is secure, in himself or in his condition of existence, could be a Klansman or a Columbian. A restless population, driven from its hearthstones by lack of opportunity, lack of acquaintance with the real and enduring values of life, is the seedbed of these vicious movements. Hate enters a man's heart or mind only when there is a void to be filled—a void that comes when our society has failed to build in the normal process of its services.

None of us is safe so long as these gangs exist, nor is America safe. But the safety is not to be restored by revoking charters and outlawing forms. It can only be restored by making everybody more secure, by attacking the causes of that sense of inferiority which is the core of antagonisms. It is a long, hard job, but we had better be getting at it.

JERSEY, GEORGIA TRADE KLAN DATA

Times, New York, N.Y.
Sat. 8-10-46

Exchange of Evidence to Aid in Nullifying Charters— Tie With Bund Studied

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

TRENTON, N. J., Aug. 9—Exchange of evidence of alleged subversive activities of the Ku Klux Klan was agreed upon today by legal representatives of New Jersey and Georgia to aid both States in nullifying charters of the organization. A reputed link before the war between the Klan in New Jersey and the defunct German-American Bund will be explored.

Attorney General Walter D. Van Riper, after a two-hour conference today with Daniel Duke, assistant attorney general of Georgia, said:

"We are both aiming at the same goal: the elimination of the Ku Klux Klan in both States. We will exchange evidence which will aid each State in nullifying the Klan charters."

In New Jersey a petition has been filed with the Supreme Court requesting an order to nullify the Klan's perpetual charter, filed with the Secretary of State in 1923. There are indications that remaining Klan officials in this State will not contest the action. In New York similar proceedings have been begun and there, too, it is reported no opposition has appeared.

Mr. Duke, commenting on Georgia's action to end Klan operations, said:

"We are operating on two fronts: one in the courts and the other to show the evil that rests in Klan ideology. The law department of Georgia has begun a fight that ultimately must be won in the hearts and minds of the people.

"During these post-war days the Klan believes it can find fertile fields in the unrest and discriminations that prevail, but public sentiment can keep good, and unsuspecting people out of the Klan."

Mr. Van Riper said there was evidence to be fordwarded to Georgia which would show that the New Jersey Klan leadership participated with members of the Bund in an outdoor rally at Camp Nordland in Sussex County on Aug. 18, 1940.

Photographs of the speakers' platform with hooded Klansmen seated while a Bund leader delivered an address have been published. Daniel W. Bell, former leader of the Klan in this State, is identified as one of those attending.

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Mr. Bell has said recently he is not interested in the reported revival of the Klan in New Jersey under inspiration from Georgia leaders.

Commenting on Georgia activities of the order, Mr. Duke said in 1941 and 1942 he prosecuted Klansmen on charges of flogging other white men. Nine were sentenced to jail terms. Governor Ellis Arnall of Georgia delegated Mr. Duke to get in touch with New Jersey legal authorities in the move to cancel the national Klan charter.

Battle Joined in Kentucky

Times, New York, N.Y.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Aug. 9 (AP)—Eldon S. Dummit, State Attorney General, disclosed receipt of letters today to press his suit to outlaw the Ku Klux Klan in Kentucky. Mr. Dummit said he had received July 22 to have the Klan's charter on the grounds attacking Negroes, Catholics and Jews—as well as his own motives which were anonymous—since he filed suit in Circuit Court here asked for revocation of the Klan's charter. Kentucky Circuit Court convenes next month.

His action followed the filing of a statements with the Secretary of suit to ban the Klan in Georgia. State. He said today he was pre-While most of the letters were pared to prosecute his suit when from Kentucky, Mr. Dummit said, some were from other States, including Indiana, California and Utah.

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U. S. And States Crack Down On Ku Klux Klan

News-Age-Herald

BY ALEXANDER R. GEORGE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30—(AP)—The federal government and states in the North and South, the East and West are "cracking down" on a revival of the Ku Klux Klan.

The Justice Department, which in mid-Summer launched an investigation of Ku Klux operations in seven states, is considering extending the inquiry to other states. The department also is probing reports of a revival under new names of the German-American Bund and the possibility of an alliance of bund groups and the klan.

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THE KU KLUX KLAN— A THREAT TO AMERICA

Defender Chicago, Ill.

Although there is a decided increase in the activity of the hooded knights of the Klu Klux Klan, the measures being devised to curb these would-be fascists show a nationwide awareness of the ultimate disaster stemming from the acts of irresponsible groups.

Opposition to the Kluxers is coming from all sections of the country. Where a few years ago their action was tolerated or ignored by some of the citizens, an attitude is developing which looks upon the KKK as a menace to all Americans.

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The bold display of their rituals on Stone Mountain, insead of attracting new members and creating interest in the Klan, caused an alerting of the democratic elements and of the law-enforcement agencies.

The cross burning and defacement incident against the Jewish fraternity house in Los Angeles aroused hundreds of fraternity and sorority members who demanded a complete investigation and punishment of the offenders.

In Georgia, Governor Ellis Arnall, who has spearheaded a wave of progressiveness in his state, declared that the white-sheeted Klan members were heaping ridicule upon Georgia. He requested measures to outlaw its activity by having the charter revoked.

However, the most far-reaching challenge to the KKK came from Attorney General Clark in his "I Am an American Day" speech. Clark declared that all federal laws at his command and any future laws that Congress passes will be used to protect civil rights against all un-Amercan organizations. The Attorney General's statement together with the income tax suit of $700,000 against the Klan should complete the chain of events designed to throttle its revival.

As is to be expected, the Kluxers receive their strongest support among the "American Firsters" and other related groups. True, the "way of life" for these and others of similar outlook will be protected by fostering hatred and bigotry. To these hate-mongers, organizations similar to the Klan are priceless. However, most Americans are coming to realize the immeasurable harm done by these subversive groups. Hence, the rising opposition against the "knights of the sheets."

Despite the outspoken denounciations of the Klan from official as well as private sources, the House Committee on UnAmerican Activities, charged with ferreting out even rumors of un-American acts, closed its ears and eyes to all Klan activity during the 79th Congress. When outside pressures became so intense, an "erring" member of the Committee stated that an investigation was about to get under way on the Klan. Rankin, kingpin of the Committee, quickly repudiated the statement declaring that no inquiry was even contemplated. Why embarass an organization that is dutifully carrying out the known philosophies of the House Committee?

The lawlessness of the Klan is doomed even though its hooded members fail to realize it. In the first place, it was born out of fear and ignorance. The ghost-like garb was used to instill fear by means of witchery and hoodooism. The intended victims of future terrorism will realize that the sheets contain only hoodlums and social renegades.

If the Klan continues its activity in the face of mounting opposition, a show-down will be inevitable. Realizing the adverse publicity created by such an organization against the United States within the family of nations, clear thinking Americans will be forced to unite in suppressing this subversive group.

Remember The Klan In The 20s . . .

The Black Dispatch Oklahoma City, Okla. Sat. 8-17-46

(Reprinted from The Southern Patriot, July, 1946)

Klan leaders are working to revive the Klan today on an even larger scale than during the heyday in the last post-war period, from 1921 to 1926, when it gained tremendous political influence in the nation. That they may indeed succeed is undeniable, especially since some Southern employers and politicians are undoubtedly giving financial support to the Klan—as a weapon against the AFL and CIO organizing drives, and against increasing Negro suffrage.

It might be helpful in the battle against the Klan to recall some of the highlights of Klan influence during this dark period.

The modern Klan was founded in 1915, when on Thanksgiving night, thirty-five people gathered under a fiery torch atop Stone Mountain, near Atlanta. Under the leadership of Colonel William oJseph Simmons, Imperial Wizard, the Klan spent a rather uneventful five years, at the end of which it had, at most, about 5,000 members. (1)

Then in June, 1920, two experienced promoters entered the picture. Edward Young Clark and Mrs. Elizabeth Tyler, associated for many years with the Southern Publicity Association, and money-raising for the Anti-Saloon League, Near East Relief and other groups, took over promotion. Within a year, the membership jumped to 100,000. (1)

The membership was $10; $4 went to the local solicitor, $1 to the state sales manager, 50c to the district salesman and $4.50 to the headquarters. (1)

The officials all up and down the line—the Kleagles, the Cyclops, the Dragons, th Kluds, etc.—got a cut. There were other financial motives. A "sheet factory" near Atlanta turned out prescribed hoods and masks.

In the intolerant days of the 20s, the days of the Palmer Raids when intolerance operated with headquarters in the Department of Justice, the Klan caught on and began to spread.

"Politicians Bent the Knee"

"It entered politics," reports Tom Stokes. "It took over state after state, extended into the North and West. The political scandals of the Klan are now a dark chapter in our history. Politicians bent the knee. In 1924, it got into national politics and was thrown—a spitting venomous snake—into the National Democratic Convention to fight the nomination of Governor Alfred E. Smith of New York, who happened to be a Catholic." (2)

How the powerful Klan operated in the smaller Southern communities is told by a Superior Court Judge in South Georgia, who is quoted by Ralph McGill:

"Prior to my first term as judge of the superior courts of this circuit, in January, 1925, this order (the KKK) had almost complete control of the county. Good, decent people were whipped, maltreated and abused by these organized criminals to a point where the best of its citizenship knew not when their time would also come. In my first charge to a grand jury in this county, I put the Ku Klux Klan on notice . . . No other whipping ever took place in this county. What took place prevailed all over the state, to the extent that it made the most scandalous picture in Georgia's history." (3)

The Klan was exposed by the New York World, and by a congressional investigation, but still its membership climbed.

The KKK—A "Lucrative Livelihood"

The story of Dr. Hiram Wesley Evans, imperial wizard of the Klan from 1922 to 1939, was repeated in many places. Dr. Evans, according to the Atlanta Journal, was "a colonel on the staff of E. D. Rivers" during River's administration as governor of Georgia. He "made a lucrative livelihood selling asphalt to the state during the Rivers administration. On May 31, 1940, he was indicted by a Rome federal grand jury on anti-trust charges for alleged monopoly of asphalt-emulsion sales to the state. On January 31, 1941, he entered a plea of 'nolo contendere' to the indictment and paid a fine of $15,000. Later the Fulton county grand jury returned indictments charging an alleged conspiracy to defraud the state out of large sums of money in the sale of other types of asphalt to the state . . . Testimony at the trial showed that the State of Georgia had paid, in certain instances, as much at $2 a ton more for asphalt than any other Southern state." (4)

While Evans held his lush job and defrauded the state, the Klan carried ou its usual violence.

In 1940, Dan Duke, now assistant attorney general in Georgia, exposed the Klan, ran it underground, forced Klansmen to take off their masks and finally sent eight of them to jail for flogging and terrorizing 63 citizens in and around Atlanta, two of whom were murdered. After the conviction, according to Drew Pearson, the Klan pulled wires with its friend, Governor Gene Talmadge, to secure pardons for the eight. But the enlightened editors and ministers of Georgia came to the support of Dan Duke and Talmadge didn't have the nerve. However, one month after Duke enlisted in the Marine Corps, Talmadge pardoned the Klan floggers." (5)

Nazi Tie-Up

Walter Winchell points out the Klan's connections with the German-American Bund:

"The liaison man between the Bund and the Klan was pro-Nazi Edward James Smythe, indicted as a seditionist. In 1940, Bundists and Klansmen made their odious romance public at Bund Camp Nordland. August Klapprott, Bund leader, barked at that time, "The principles of the Bund and the principles of the Klan are the same.'" (6)

The Department of Justice went out after the Bund, but never molested the Klan. The Klan has support in high places. Says Winchell: 8-17-46

"Don't get the idea Kluxers have support only among bush-league trouble-makers. Before the war they held a gigantic rally at Rockford, Illinois, attended by 50,000 Klansmen. The principal speaker was Senator C. Wayland Brooks." (6)

But Southerners are not taking the Klan lying down this time. Its history of murder, lynching, flogging and anti--labor violence is catching up with it.

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Mr. GRANAHAN. Mr. Speaker, under leave to extend my remarks in the RECORD, I include an article published in the National Legionnaire of July 5, 1946:

KU KLUX KLAN CONDEMNED IN STELLE SPEECH—NATIONAL COMMANDER ALSO BLASTS GERALD L. K. SMITH AND COMMUNISTS

"The Ku Klux Klan currently is raising its masked head again. Of all the strife-breeding, un-American organizations in our country, the Klan is the most despicable, because it is of native origin, fostered by men bred in this country who ought to know better than to seek their own Nation's disrepute.

"We strongly condemn the Ku Klux Klan and its ilk as a deadly menace to America at a time when it is so tragically important for all Americans to pull together. We don't want any invisible empire in our country today. What we want is an indivisible empire of Americans."

The national commander, addressing his radio audience on the subject "Americanism on the March," thus answered the questions of thousands who have been asking what the position of the American Legion was to be on the question of the Ku Klux Klan, which is reported to be on the move again in an effort to attain the strength it developed after World War I, but which was eventually reduced to a political nonentity by the aroused attitude of an aroused public opinion.

In his address Commander Stelle quoted the resolution adopted at the San Francisco national convention of the American Legion in 1923, which was aimed at the KKK, and which declared: "We consider any individual, group of individuals, or organization which creates or fosters racial, religious, or class strife among our people, or which takes into its own hands the enforcement of law, determination of guilt, or infliction of punishment to be un-American, a menace to our liberties and destructive to our fundamental law. We consider such action by any individual, groups, or organizations to be inconsistent with the ideals and purposes of the American Legion."

"That 1923 indictment was aimed at the Ku Klux Klan and other incipient groups. As national commander of the American Legion, I declare that indictment very firmly remains the American Legion policy today," declared Commander Stelle.

Gerald L. K. Smith also received the attention of Commander Stelle, who declared that "One of the most infamous hate-peddlers in our midst is Gerald L. K. Smith. He aspires to be the generalissimo of the nationalist movement in this country. Smith and his ilk overlook no bets. They invite national disunity. They are quick to move into any area where trouble is brewing."

Paying his attention to communism in this country, the commander declared: "In the campaign of world communism on the march, American Communists are playing their puppet part. They do not want an America united in international collaboration for peace."

"If America is to move forward in its tremendous task of leading the world into a new era of lasting peace," said Commander Stelle, "it must reject the underground organizations seeking to set themselves up a powerful influence in our communities to interfere in matters religious, political, economic, social, and racial. Elimination of the un-American groups is a 'must' in our national effort to build unity. It can be done if our leaders in government and others execute their legal trust. Public opinion will force the issue."

Our guest column

The Tribune, Los Angeles, Calif. Sat 9-21-46

THE KLAN AND AMERICA

By Robert W. Kenny, attorney general of California

Recently there was a report in one of our local newspapers of a statement by Congressman Rankin. His usual remarks are so wild, that thoughtful citizens have gotten to the habit of saying: This ve Rankin said: "After all, the Klan ns, reactionary representative of a completely American institu- ndful of voters is just blowing tion and its members are Ameri- top again. It's just the same old cans. That's not what this com- and stupid noise from the mittee was set up to study. Our ks of the enemy. But not long job is to investigate foreign isms Congressman Rankin made a and alien organizations."

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I do not think that we here in America can ignore the fact that the Ku Klux Klan is part of our other little groups, such as those led by Gerald L. K. Smith, in order to weld together every possible organizational form of anti-democratic action in the coming battle for democratic survival.

Those of us who recognize the struggle going on in America must organize at once, must gather our forces, must enlist the aid of the majority of Americans and smash this front organization of fascism before it is too late.

democratic activity has been selected to provide the action front for fascism in America. And Today, money and brains are being poured into this organization and

The Klan with its history of violence and terror.

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Arnall Asks Truman For Nation-Wide Klan Probe

The Chronicle Detroit, Mich.
Sat. 9-7-46

A concentrated drive against the activities of the Ku Klux Klan has been launched in many of the states in the nation—except Michigan.

Several months ago, Gov. Ellis Arnall started a campaign against the hooded organization, which was intensified by the brutal lynching of four Negroes at Monroe, Ga., July 25.

Blasted In New York

New York followed by denying the Klan the privileges it had obtained as a fraternal organization.

The latest state to join in the fight against the vicious spreading of race hate by the Klan is Pennsylvania. Last week Gov. Edward Martin ordered state police to make a "full and complete investigation" of the activities of the organization.

Seek Federal Aid

The chief official of the state was moved by the KKK-signed newspaper advertisement declaring, "We are here to stay" which appeared in a Chambersburg paper.

Martin also wired United States Attorney General Tom Clark requesting that the Federal Bureau of Investigation include Pennsylvania inquiry into the hooded order "to supplant the work of the Pennsylvania State Police."

Meanwhile on President Truman's desk in Washington was a letter from Governor Arnall calling for a nation-wide investigation of the Klan.

Hints Bund Link

Arnall, in his letter, hinted strongly of a link between the Klan and the German-American Bund.

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The torture weapon was described as a three-foot long leather whip several inches wide with 13 holes bored in one end. A smoothly carved leather handle has been secured to enable the wielder to inflict brute force punishment upon the victim.

Indications that the Klan has been working in Michigan was brought to the light last July when a cross was burned in a Negro settlement in Flint, an act intended to intimidate Negro voters.

Extending Probe To Other States

Mon. 12-2-46

By ALEXANDER R. GEORGE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—(AP)—The Federal Government and States in the North and South, the East and West are "cracking down" on a revival of the Ku Klux Klan.

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Drive Against Klan Launched All Over U. S.

The Advertiser Montgomery, Ala.
22 Jan.

Federal Officers Hint

RALPH McGILL

Vicious, Man-Eating Sharks

32 Jan.
Atlanta, Ga.

I will bet a pretty penny, as they say, that within a relatively short time we will have to do the Columbian job all over again.

The fault will be our own. The Constitution

There are always smart, slick talkers going around persuading poor, deluded persons who feel, sometimes with reason and more often without, that they have a grievance, to support the slick talkers in comfort.

Sun. 12-15-46

It is odd how these promoters of prejudice can live without working. And it is a bitter paradox that usually their followers are made up of those who work for the lowest wages because of their own lack of skills and ability.

Anyhow, we will have to do the job all over again some day in the future because of our own failure.

We won't do anything, because of fear, about the one physical fact which gave the members of Punks, Inc., a talking point.

Clash That is the inevitable clash of housing lacks between white and colored people. It is not a local phenomenon. Detroit has rioted about the same problem more than once, leaving dead and wounded to testify there was no solution. Chicago, New York, Pittsburgh and certain industrial cities in Ohio are experiencing the same problem. It is building up, too, in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Seattle.

Unless something is done about it, we will have a national wave of terrorism by Punks, Inc., hied on by the larger hucksters of hate who remain in the background. Housing problems, like the race problems, are national.

Nothing is more false than the claim by the various and perennial groups of Punks, Inc., that Negroes yearn to live in white neighborhoods. That they yearn to get off alleys and off unpaved back streets, when they have the money to do so, of course is true and entirely understandable. Who wouldn't so wish?

Blame But it is also true, without a single exception, that every sale or rental agreement whereby a Negro family moves into a neighborhood from which white persons are retreating is initiated and arranged by a white owner or his agent.

In fact, you will find no more greedy and reprehensible deals anywhere than most of those in this field.

Some of them, by arrangement wtih certain members of Punks, Inc., according to the recent voluntary statement by retiring members, ought to be matters for the Grand Jury to investigate.

It is charged by these resigning members that one of the leaders of Punks, Inc., actually had an arrangement with two real estate dealers who would sell a house to a desperate Negro seeking a place to live. It would be in a decaying white neighborhood. When the Negro came to move in, Punks, Inc., would be on hand with terrorism or threats of it.

The Negro would then sell back—at a loss, of course, and the erstwhile members charge that the leading vendors of prejudice in their organization got a cut on the deal.

Lies White persons, almost always in the low income level, have been ousted from their rented houses by this Negro movement . . . and told that it is because the Negroes want to live in white neighborhoods.

Nothing could be more vicious or evil. These people use racial prejudices as a means to make a sordid profit.

St. Louis has worked out an arrangement whereby, by voluntary agreement among both races, and by real estate men who do not seem to include in their number some of the man-eating shark type which operates most viciously in this field in Atlanta, this is equitable.

There cannot be—because of the Federal Constitution—any zoning. It must be voluntary.

We could have that here if there was not so much political fear.

Meanwhile, the persons who feel they have legitimate grievances—and who often do have them—will continue to find no one to assist them with their problem—even to such a simple degree as an explanation.

Fault They will be told by the man-eating sharks who swim in their sea of discontent that it is all the fault of the Negro.

So, what is more natural than that they should welcome any slick promoter who promises to help them—for a fee?

Meanwhile, too, the legitimate aspirations of the Negro to have a house to buy or rent are placed at the end of the line and he, too, has no one to assist him with his just grievances.

So, we go blindly along the road to further confusion and trouble.

That's the worst feature of the tragic little merry-go-round.

Gov. Arnall Charges Klan Is 'Dangerous

The Chronicle Detroit, Mich.
Sat. 10-5-46

America must get rid of the Klan before the Klan gets rid of America!

This unequivocal warning is sounded by the nation's foremost antagonist of the Klan, Gov. Ellis Arnall of Georgia, writing in the October issue of Coronet, to be released Sept. 25. His article is called "My Battle Against the Klan."

Governor Arnall, who reveals how he, himself, has been threatened with assassination by the Klan, is training his guns on what he terms a "dangerous native Fascist group." Although this winter he will give up his office, Governor Arnall and his administration are now attempting to take the Klansmen in Georgia to the place "they are most reluctant to go—the courtroom, where impartial judges and juries can look underneath the mask and see who is hiding there."

The history of the Klan, how the Kloran, Klavern, Klectoken, Klaigrapp, Kleagle, Kavalier Klub and other "K" titles were first devised by "William J. Simmons in the hope of making a dollar or two out of the folks who wanted to play dress-up" and how several times the Klan was forced into a shallow grave, only to be nocturnally reborn and revive its white-sheeted activities, is reviewed by Governor Arnall.

Dominates State

Talking about his early battles with the Klan, Governor Arnall says, "It exerted enough power in Georgia, for example, for the Imperial Wizard, Dr. Hiram Wesley Evans, to dominate the sale of asphalt to the State Highway Department for several years. Dr. Evans and several oil companies, for which he acted as 'bidding agent,' paid fines in the U.S. District Court on an anti-trust indictment, and later, as attorney general, I brought suit and compelled them to disgorge some of their extra profits to the state."

The Klan came back to life this year, writes Governor Arnall, as Georgia moved toward a campaign for governor. "One of the candidates seized upon the fact that Negroes would vote for the first time in many years in the Democratic primary, where nomination is the equivalent to election. He reduced his campaign to the simple formula of yelling 'Nigger, Nigger!' from the stump. The Klan came back to life.

"Already it had shown signs of reviving in adjacent Tennessee, where it had absorbed the remnants of the Silver Shirts, and in Michigan, where the Black Shirts had been powerful and sinister. In Georgia, too, the East Point and Oakland City Klaverns began to do business again."

Summing up his determination to kill off the Klan in Georgia, Governor Arnall warns, "Do not be fooled into a belief that the Klan is nothing more than a minor manifestation of violence. The Blackshirts, the Brownshirts and the Nightshirts are brothers under their skins. Much of the present leadership of the Klan, especially of the resurgent groups in Tennessee, Illinois and New Jersey, are frankly Fascist. The Georgia and Michigan variety, as far as we can tell, is largely violent. And while it does not make a great deal of difference to the victim personally whether he is flogged to death by common lawbreaks or by Fascist conspirators, it might make a real difference to America one day."

KKK Prepares Fight Against State, Nation

The Defender

ATLANTA — Ku Klux Klan officials announced last week that they will fight any state or federal attempts to dissolve or outlaw the organization.

Particular emphasis was placed on Georgia's move to revoke the Klan's character, charging the hooded organization with conspiracy to "seize those parts of state government charged with protection of citizens."

Not only will the Klan fight any discrediting move, but it is preparing, and waging in part, an all-out war of its own against labor, Negroes and Jews.

Bernard M. Shotkin, a Jewish attorney, has complained to the U. S. Supreme Court that because of the influence of the Ku Klux Klan he was deprived of the right to practice in Georgia.

Willie Dudley, a Negro worker, was kidnaped and beaten by four masked Klansmen June 9, because he refused to resign from an AFL local in Gordon, Ga.

Attempts have been made to revive the Klan in Princeton, Ky., where the order was strong in 1922-1924. A cross was burned three miles from Princeton, June 10.

Bilbo is inciting Klan elements. In his campaign to "keep northern Communists out of the South," "the Man" presents himself as a courageous crusader against the carpet baggers from the North.

Indications are that Bilbo has made potent use of this appeal in his campaign.

The Klan predicted in March that race riots would break out shortly before the gubernatorial elections July 17. Asst. Atty. Gen. Eugene Cook quotes the Klan as boasting that it will be permitted to handle the riots in its own manner even before police are called.

But 38 uniformed police were present at a June 3, meeting of the Klan's Atlanta Post No. 1. These policemen and other armed members took off their guns and laid them at the feet of Grand Dragon Samuel Green.

In an Elkhart, Ind., plant which hires many Negroes, the Klan has made veiled threats to make things uncomfortable for them if they join the union. Now many Negroes are avoiding any organization.

A burning, fiery cross and a white hood bearing the letters KKK were found last Tuesday night at 11 p. m., in the Buder playground in St. Louis. The playground, designated recently a recreation area for Negro children, was formerly used exclusively by whites.

Opposition to the Ku Klux Klan is today more widespread and active than at any time in the past.

Princeton and Caldwell County police officials have joined forces to prevent the Klan again becoming active in the Kentucky county, says Princeton Police Chief E. E. Jones.

AFL President William Green protested to Georgia's Governor Ellis Arnall against the alleged kidnaping and beating of Willie Dudley, who refused to resign from an AFL local.

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The Georgia Colored Funeral Directors' Association passed a resolution condemning and deploring the KKK.

Chicago,

Gov. Ellis Arnall and his Atty. Gen. Eugene Cook are forging ahead with plans to dissolve the Klan in Georgia.

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The churches, in their organized councils and from the pulpit condemn the Klan.

Southern liberals, including some newspapers, are outspoken against rule by terror.

The collector of Internal Revenue has filed a lien against the KKK for $685,305 for income taxes due since 1921.

But the FBI, a main hope, says there is "no violation of federal laws in a man going out and putting on a night shirt or for burning a cross. The country must understand that we have to wait until there are grounds which justify prosecution."

KLAN HERE ACCUSED OF TIES WITH BUND

New York, N. Y.
Times

Georgia Prosecutor Tells of 'Important and Startling' Data Goldstein Has Given to Him

Tues 8-13-46

"Important and startling information" about the Ku Klux Klan, including plans for joint anti-American activity by leaders of the Klan and the defunct German-American Bund from 1941 to this year, was obtained by Assistant Attorney General Daniel Duke of Georgia during his visit in New York, he said yesterday.

Mr. Duke came here last Thursday to gather evidence for his Federal Court case to revoke the national charter of the Ku Klux Klan in Georgia. He reported on the results of his trip at two interviews yesterday, one at the offices of the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League, 165 West Forty-sixth Street, the other in a joint interview with Nathaniel Goldstein, New York State Attorney General, at the State Office Building.

Case Here Interested Georgia

Mr. Goldstein explained that about July 30, when he won his case in the Supreme Court to revoke the State charter of the New York Klan, Attorney General Eugene Cook of Georgia arranged by telephone for Mr. Duke to come north. Mr. Duke said he was specifically interested in ties between the German-American Bund and the Ku Klux Klan, and had obtained from Mr. Goldstein photographs, letters and other documentary evidence of such links during the last five years.

"The Klan and the Bund laid plans just before Pearl Harbor," he said, "to merge into one huge anti-American combine. After the war started and the Bund was dissolved, collaboration was continued by leaders of the two organizations."

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Mr. Duke said he had learned that in New Jersey, where suit was started on Aug. 1 to invalidate the Klan charter, Klan and former Bund leaders had addressed joint meetings of the two societies.

Asked what use the evidence he had gathered here would be to him in his prosecution in Georgia, Mr. Duke, who will return to Atlanta today, replied:

"The most important advantage of the trial will be the opportunity it gives us to lay all the facts before the public. Ku Kluxism has to be fought in the court of public opinion. When the people see what is behind it, they will render their own verdict against all such organizations of hate."

The two prosecutors disclosed that during the Georgia primary in May, one of the "leading candidates for Governor" made a special trip to New York, lunched with Wilson D. Bush, Grand Dragon of the New York Klan, and appealed to Bush for financial and publicity aid in the former's campaign for nomination. They refused to identify the candidate.

"Not All Kluxers in Georgia"

Mr. Duke took occasion to correct an impression that "we are all Ku Kluxers in Georgia." Eugene Cook, he pointed out, was renominated for Attorney General with a three-to-one plurality although he ran on an anti-Klan platform.

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"As a matter of fact," he commented, "the Klan is making more progress in Tennessee than in Georgia. The Negro issue is not so acute in Tennessee, so opposition is directed against Jews there. A Jewish woman was run out of one town in Tennessee recently."

Replying to this, Gov. Jim McCord said in Nashville, according to The Associated Press, that "as far as I know there is no Klan operating in Tennessee; is has never come to our attention.'" He added that the Georgia prosecutor had not specified the town that ran out its Jewish resident "for the very good reason that he did not know any such town."

Mr. Duke said the Klan was operating in many States through false fronts of veterans and women's groups. Mr. Goldstein added that "we are both agreed that a State inquiry is not enough."

"We must stamp this out everywhere, once and for all, or the job is only half done," the New York prosecutor said. He called for cooperation among the State Governments, although he admitted he expected little help from Alabama or Mississippi. After New York revoked the Klan's charter, California followed suit, and proceedings to similar ends were begun in Georgia, Kentucky and New Jersey. The FBI has started investigations of the Klan in seven States —New York, Michigan, Tennessee, Florida, California, Mississippi and Georgia.

Mr. Duke explained that the prosecution in Georgia was against the national, or parent, organization of the Klan. Success in revoking the charter would destroy the basis for national organization, although it would not impede functions of unincorporated or local Klans, he said.

The test case will be heard in the Atlanta Federal Court in September.

Attack By Federal And State Governments Staggers Klan

The Informer Houston, Texas Sat. 9-21-46

WASHINGTON — (ANP) — Attacks by the federal and state governments have either halted the revival of te KKK or caused it to go underground.

Spearheaded by the fearless attacks of Governor Ellis Arnall of Georgia, the Klan has been the target of public indignation and legal action New York, Kentucky and California. According to the United Press, the following is a section by section account of the klan's present national status.

Texas — Recent unconfirmed reports that the Klan is stirring, but no open activity.

New England States — The Klan never has been active in this sector and there is no evidence of any activity now.

New York — K. K. K. charter revoked in July after a brief flareup in the metropolitan New York area. A federal investigation found four Klan Klaverns operatin, one of whose officers was working as a steward for the Knights of Columbus in Huntington, L. I.

New Jersey — State action pending to revoke Klan charter; Klansmen and German Bundsmen allegedly fraternized at Camp Nordland, Sussex county, in 1940.

Kentucky — The Klan was outlawed by state order last week on charges that it was "fostering racial and religious hatred and prejudice through terroism and propaganda."

Pennsylvania — Police investigation underway following complaining by New York State Supreme Court Judge Meier Steinbrink, head of the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation league. K. K. K. state charter lapsed in 1933 and Kluxers now lying low, dabbling slightly in local politics.

South Carolina — Klan charter lapsed several years ago and operating under cover ever since then. K. K. K. recruiters allegedly at work in Columbia, but cross-burning incidents in back country Negro sections dismissed by authorities as "schoolboy pranks."

Georgia — Vigorous organizing drives under way throughout state, touched off by mammoth cross burnings on Stone Mountain.

Florida — Klan openly revived last month under charter issued in September, 1944. Issued for "native, Protestant white gentiles who believes in America above all." Strength of Florida Klan thus far is believed small and no effort has been made to suppress it.

Mississippi — No open activity and no effort by state to ban the organization. Senator Bilbo (Dem.) won renomination on "white supremacy" campaign and acknowledged membership in Klan. Cross burnings in Jackson Negro centers reputedly were aimed at frightening Negro workers out of union organizations.

Tennessee — Klan reported very active in Chattanooga, Knoxville, Cleveland and Maryville areas, aimed mostly at Negroes and Jews.

Louisiana — All accounts indicated that predominantly Catholic population of southern Louisiana has discouraged K. K. K. proselyting.

Alabama — K. K. K. reviving in Birmingham area and has applied for state charter. Governor-Nominee Jim Folsom says the Klan is "not a factor" in state politics and no effort is being made to outlaw it.

Arkansas, Missouri, Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana — The Klan has made no overt moves in any of those states, where it was very active politically a generation ago. Sat. 9-21-46

Michigan and Minnesota — Signs of Klan revival but no attempt by members to intervene in politics or intimidate minorities.

California — The superior court revoked the Klan charter in the summer, but Los Angeles had witnessed a half-dozen cross burnings after May, and similar episodes were reported from many sections of San Bernardino county.

KKK rebirth noted in 14 states

The Tribune Los angeles, Calif. Sat. 9-21-46

NEW YORK — While its post-World War II revival has evidently been nipped in the bud, the Ku Klux Klan has thus far been openly active in at least 14 states, a United Press survey disclosed this week.

UP named the trouble spots as California, New York, New Jersey, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, Tennessee, Alabama, Michigan, Minnesota, and Texas.

California "has become a hotbed of revived Klan operations", the survey noted, with the KKK being blamed for burning Negro homes, desecrating Jewish temples, and other vandalism.

In New York, the Klan charter was revoked in July after a brief flareup in the metropolitan area. In New Jersey, state action to revoke the charter is pending. In Kentucky, the Klan was outlawed by state order last week on the charges of "fomenting racial and religious hatred and prejudice through terrorism and propaganda".

Pennsylvania's Gov. Martin has ordered a follow-up into a complaint by New York state supreme court Judge Meier Steinbrink that the Klan is active in Franklin county, with headquarters at Chambersburg. The investigation has been extended to take in the entire state and state police have orders to make a complete check of their areas for Klan activities.

NAACP Philadelphia, headed by Joseph H. Rainey, has protested to Gov. Martin that the Klan burned a cross in Cresmont, Montgomery county, about a month ago.

In South Carolina, the Klan charter lapsed several years ago, and the KKK has since been operating under cover, UP said.

The Tribune Los Angeles, Calif.

Georgia, which is regarded as the biggest actual and potential source of Klan strength, has reported a vigorous and statewide KKK organizing campaign. Sat. 9-21-46

Edward James Smythe, founder of the Protestant War Veterans, which Georgia assistant attorney general Van Duke asserts fronts for the Klan, has announced he will establish southern headquarters in Atlanta after Gov.-elect Eugene Talmadge take office in January. Smythe recently wrote to Gov. Ellis Arnall, making no denial of Duke's charge but bitterly denouncing Catholics, Jews, Communists, and the Justice Dept., and claiming that President Truman is a Klansman. Duke announced last week that he would not serve under Talmadge "even if the appointment is tendered me."

The state's case against the Klan is being held up and is not ex-Talmadge is a brilliant college Meanwhile, in Brunswick, Ga., graduate and holds a Phi Beta three crosses burned in Negro Kappa key.
areas, in front of Negro-operated cafes.

In Florida, the KKK came to life last month under a charter issued in September, 1944. In Mississippi, there has been no open activity and no effort by the state to ban the organization, although infamous Senator Bilbo has admitted membership in a Mississippi branch.

The Klan is reported very active in Tennessee, in Chattanooga, Knoxville, Cleveland, and Maryville, with Negroes and Jews as victims. In Alabama, the organization is reviving around Birmingham and has applied for a state charter. There are signs of a revival in Michigan and Minnesota, with headquarters in Detroit and Duluth. And from Texas have come unconfirmed reports of Klan rebirth.

National Klan Threat Surges Up In Georgia

Defender Chicago, Ill. Sat. 8-31-46

ATLANTA—With hate erupting weekly from the "sovereign" soil of the South, the nation's anti-Klan forces now are directing their efforts at the state of Georgia, the birthplace and recent spawning pool for native fascist activities.

Since its public revival last October, the Georgia Klan alone has reportedly increased its membership from 20,000 to around 100,000. With the aid of an out-moded county-unit vote counting system they elected to the governorship red-gallused Gene Talmadge, one of the nation's leading exponents of Nazi-like doctrines.

Klan Revival Well Timed

The Klan's Grand Dragon, Dr. Samuel Green, an Atlanta physician, vehemently denies that his organization is anti-Negro, and disclaims for the hooded order any CIO, Catholic or Jew baiting. However, he cannot disprove the fact that the Klan's revival in Georgia was timed with the CIO's announced plans for its organization drive in the South and with U. S. Supreme Court decisions granting Negroes the right to vote in Democratic primaries.

According to Grand Dragon Green, the Klan is a "benevolent" organization, but would "keep the nigger in his place."

It is recognized that Talmadge and his henchmen have both the means and intention of establishing a state-wide machine in Georgia, surpassing that of Huey Long's.

It is further recognized that Talmadge "is nobody's fool." The famous artificial "hick town" dress and "irrational" demagogy characteristic of all his public appearances, does not erase the fact that graduate and holds a Phi Beta Kappa key.

Papers Oppose Klan

In Georgia, the Klan is opposed by the majority of newspapers, spearheaded by one of the country's most respected liberal governors, but the Klan's growing support—both visible and "invisible"—makes it unlikely that a liberal governor will be elected this fall even if the county-unit system is declared unconstitutional.

The fear is expressed here that the sizeable vote that went to former Governor Rivers—whose aims are indistinguishable from Talmadge's—would this time go to Talmadge, giving him the edge over an Arnall-backed candidate.

Florida Klan Cautious

Handling its "native Protestant" activities with more vigor still than Georgia, the Ku Klux Klan never died in Florida. On April 23, 1944, when the national Klan network relaxed operations, the Florida group merely sent their hoods to the laundry and obtained a new charter on Sept. 7 of the same year.

Adroitly shunning public print, it has held no public rituals, and has kept its personalities well shielded. Behind the aegis of "Christianity," "white Gentilism" and "Constitutional" government the Miami Klan reared its grotesque features in the open last April in a public statement from the "Great Titan" of the South Province of the state of Florida, which read:

"We are operating under a legal charter under the name Ku Klux Klan of the state of Florida, Inc. The Klan does not and will not wear a mask. . . . The Klan is a religious organization."

Klan On Hot Seat

During the past three weeks' conferences between the legal representatives of the states of New York, Georgia, New Jersey have established evidence pointing to a nation-wide attempt of Klan and German-American Bund to capture control of the nation—first on a state level and later on a national level. New York recently revoked the Klan's state charter and the Georgia case will be heard in Fulton County Superior Court this fall. Kentucky and New Jersey are now in the throes of ferreting out nuclei, and the U. S. Justice Department has promised a seven-state investigation.

Bund, Klan Tie Under U.S. Probe

Afro-American Baltimore, Md. 10-12-46

WASHINGTON — Reports that the old German-American Bund is renewing its activities and has formed an alliance with the Ku Klux Klan, are being investigated by Government agents, Assistant Attorney General Lamar Caudle announced Tuesday. Sat.

This announcement followed closely in the wake of a statement by the Department of Justice that it has evidence that the Klan and the Bund collaborated for four years prior to the war.

An official, fully acquainted with the evidence, but who can not be identified, said documents

Probe by Security Unit

Mr. Caudle, who heads the de-security section of the criminal division, said, "The internal Department charged that, as late as July 7, 1942, it had continued its activities, the Department's criminal division, said division is probing reports of an alleged revival of the German-American Bund alliance. A the inquiry into the alleged newalleged "its conspiracies" into the war period. Bund operations is being made by and guises, and the possibility of the department's internal security Klan." Sat. 10-5-46

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Has Proof of Link

This division's responsibilities Chicago, Ill. At that time, 46 leaders of the Bund under new names organization in eight States were defendants in a sedition trial in Washington, D. C. Following the defeat of the Axis powers, the Justice Department reported it has evidence that the Bund collaborated with conspiracy to defeat the war effort.

Defender

Following a comprehensive investigation of its activities, the FBI reported in 1939 that the Bund had 6,617 members, and that one of its main objectives was to foster "Germanism and German ideals" in the United States.

The evidence was unearthed during an investigation of Klan activities in New York, Michigan, Tennessee, Florida, California, Mississippi and Georgia.

The Justice Department reported in 1942 that the Bund for 18 years

A number of new complaints of alleged violations of civil rights by the Klan have been received, it was also revealed.

Arnall Races Against Time To Smash Klan In Georgia

The Advertiser Montgomery, Ala.
Sun. 11-10-46

ATLANTA, Nov. 9.—(AP)—The outgoing administration of Gov. Ellis Arnall raced against time today to smash the corporate entity of the Ku Klux Klan in Georgia before inauguration of Gov.-Elect Eugene Talmadge.

Assistant Attorney General Daniel Duke, who successfully prosecuted Klan floggings three years ago, filed new charges in Fulton (Atlanta) Superior Court.

Klan-Bund Merger

In them, the State alleges the Klan sought to merge with the German-American Bund in 1940 in one racially supreme "all-Aryan" organization, and charges the Klan even now of trying to coordinate activities of the anti-Jewish, anti-Negro and anti-Catholic groups.

Duke, filing the allegations as an amended petition to revoke the Klan's charter as a "charitable and benevolent organization," declared:

"The State of Georgia will push this to the limit. Let Talmadge take personal responsibility for dismissing the suit."

Talmadge, who takes office next January, publicly announced several weeks ago that he would order the suit dropped.

Meanwhile, Duke acknowledged receipt of an envelope containing soiled scraps of a similar charter issued to Columbians Inc., an avowed anti-Negro, anti-Semitic group in Atlanta. Leaders of the Columbians tore up the charter after being summoned to show cause in Superior Court Nov. 15 why they should not be deprived of it.

Five Charges

The amended petition against the Klan, which will be heard Nov. 25, alleges:

1. The Klan made "a definite planned effort" in 1940 to combine Klan and German-American Bund into one organization.

2. Eugene Sanctuary, "openly acknowledged by the German Ministry of Propaganda as one of its most dependable allies in America," is publisher and co-author of the Klan's official history and handbook.

3. During 1934-1936 there were many instances of informal local mergers of Klan and Silver-Shirt groups, the latter being a semi-military secret society patterned on the Nazi storm troopers, and operating in close relationship with the Nazi Party.

4. Edward James Smythe, founder of the Protestant War Veterans and Protestant Chaplain Association, was active for years both in Klan and Nazi Bundist circles, and continues to work with New Jersey Klansmen. Smythe "was collecting money for use in such work within the past 60 days.

5. Other relations now are developing between the Klan and Gerald L. K. Smith and his associates, a current example being the Klan-front organization called the Continental League for Christian Freedom headed by Millard Grubbs of Louisville, Ky.

The petition charges the Klan with encouraging the organization of Ultra-Nationalist, Anti-Semitic and Anti-Negro veterans groups, and with substituting "its whim for law and order."

The State charges: "The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, through its officials, agents and members, have committed crimes against society.

Advertiser Sun. 11-10-46

Southern Liberals Gather Strength In Fight Against Hate Groups

PM New York, N. Y.
Mon. 12-16-46

One of the finest people I encountered on my recent Atlanta visit was a member of the Columbians, the hoodlum gang that tries to outdo the KKK in racist violence. This chap was Stetson Kennedy, who had also joined the Klan and other Southern subversive groups—the better to expose them. Kennedy is a sort of John Roy Carlson of the South. His recently-published book, *Southern Exposure*, (Doubleday & Co., N. Y., $3), might be described as a regional parallel of Carlson's *Under Cover* and *The Plotters*, except that it contains more fundamental data than either of the latter.

Albert Deutsch

An intense and earnest man of about 30, with a sensitive poet's face topped by thinning red-blond hair, Kennedy is a shining example of the "new Southerners" of ancient Southern vintage who stand for total democracy, including total equality for Americans of colored skins. His fearless exposure of the hate groups that ride on the backs of poor whites and blacks alike can't be dismissed as the work of an "outlander." Kennedy comes of pioneer Southern stock; one of his grandfathers fought for the Confederacy; two of his ancestors signed the Declaration of Independence.

Georgia's dynamic Klan-buster, Asst. Attorney General Dan Duke, credits Kennedy with a major role for the crackdown on the Columbians, because of his quietly efficient undercover work in co-operation with police officials.

On the basis of his first-hand study of the Ku Klux Klan, Kennedy suggests that the U. S. Dept. of Justice could prosecute it as a treasonable outfit if the Federal Government had the will to do so. He presents impressive documentation for his charge that the Klan is not only un-American but actively working to destroy the Constitution. Kennedy's book includes a rogue's gallery of the South based mainly on personal interviews and close observation of the region's big-shot anti-democrats—Gene Talmadge, James Colescott and Samuel Green of the KKK, Pappy O'Daniel, Bilbo and a mess of smaller fry.

One of the most telling chapters in Kennedy's book reveals how the Southern states daily violate the Fifteenth Amendment to the Federal Constitution guaranteeing equal accommodations and privileges to all citizens, regardless of color. Every one of the Jim Crow laws of the South, in cynical lip-service to this Constitutional provision, specifies "separate-but-equal" public facilities for whites and Negroes. The figures on Jim Crow schooling suffice to show how grossly unequal these facilities are in acutality:

"In the seventeen states and the District of Columbia which prescribe 'separate-but-equal' education of the races, the average annual expenditure per white child as of 1940 was 212 per cent higher than the expenditure per Negro child. The average in dollars and cents was $58.69 per white child and only $18.82 per Negro child. Mississippi spent 606 per cent more per white child than it did per Negro child."

Kennedy sees many hopeful signs on the Southern horizon—the current "Operation Dixie" CIO union organizing drive, the growth of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare and the Southern Regional Council, the democratizing TVA pattern as a model for other Southern areas, the rise of courageous militants among white and Negro Southern progressives, and so forth. His proposed strategy in the immediate future is for all-out frontal attack on Jim Crow in the non-Dixie sections of the U. S. A. and a flank attack in the resistant South stressing the fight on discrimination and inequality rather than on segregation.

The South, he notes, is at the crossroads, as it was at the end of the Civil War: "It can continue down the path of prejudice, with poverty and privation for all but its exploiters. Or it can take the highroad to democracy, political, economic, racial—for democracy is indivisible—and proceed full speed ahead to the promised land of liberty and justice for all."

Southern Exposure is one of the most important books to come out of Dixie in recent years. It is down to earth, without moonlight and magnolia props. It is vivid and honest reporting about real people, their problems, frustrations and hopes.

GEORGIA FASCISM WINS

The Advertiser Montgomery, Ala.

It is a matter of regret for the entire South that Ellis Arnall's attempt to smash the Klan and its offshoots in Georgia has failed to achieve its objective before Arnall retires from the governorship.

Governor-elect Eugene Talmadge has indicated he intends to stop action against the Klan when he assumes office on Jan. 13. No one can seriously doubt that both the Klan and its disreputable kindred organization, the Columbians, will proceed unhindered and under the tacit encouragement of Gov. Talmadge's four-year administration.

Sun. 12-1-46

It is also a matter of embarrassment that the move against the two subversive orders in Georgia sputtered out in such an inglorious manner. There can be little excuse for the blunders made in preparing the case against the Klan and the Columbians. Gov. Arnall should have had at his service the best legal talent in his state. Consequently it is difficult to explain or justify the legal loopholes which developed in the case against the related orders. It is hard, too, to believe that these loopholes were the result of legal ignorance in the attorney-general's office.

Specifically, the case against the Ku Klux and the Columbians failed to click because "they did not name names and were too vague to back up charges of subversive or illegal activities." Further, papers in the action were served on the Klan's attorney instead of officers of the Klan.

Instead of smashing the Klan, the failure of Gov. Arnall's suit has the opposite effect. The Klan and Columbians will be-

Moreover, the Georgia Superior Court in the next quadrennium with a sort of decided that the case requires a jury trial implied legality and the covert blessing of which necessitates postponement until aft- Georgia's governor.

er Jan. 13, the date on which Arnall's administration will be superseded by the Tal- madge administration. This would seem to be the death blow to the present case.

The Georgia scene today is proof that while some Americans love democracy, they love their racial and religious prejudices even more. With so many power-

GEORGIA DEBATES KLAN ISSUE

The Times New York, N. Y.

Special to The deal with such groups as the anti-

ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 30—The Negro, anti-Jewish Columbians.

need for more adequate laws to

ful un-American interests, both on the right and the left, eager and ready to employ those prejudices, it is perfectly clear that the survival of democracy is threatened—not in the dim future, but now!

Inc., and the Ku Klux Klan is being discussed in Georgia and it seems likely the subject will be brought before the State Legislature convening in January.

E. E. Andrews, Solicitor General of Fulton (Atlanta) County, favors enactment of group libel laws making it a criminal offense to slander a "group, sect or family." Sun. 12-1-46

The 'Fraternal' Organizations

Another inadequacy in Georgia's statutes seems to be the absence of provisions to prevent potentially subversive organizations, under the guise of fraternal organizations, from incorporating and obtaining State charters.

Daniel Duke, Assistant Attorney General in charge of the State's charter revocation suits against both the Columbians and the Ku Klux Klan, is hopeful that the State's General Assembly will take appropriate action to change this situation. It is recalled that the Columbians, Inc., received a charter from the Fulton County Superior Court only a few weeks after the State of Georgia entered its suit in that same court seeking to revoke the charter of the Ku Klux Klan.

Klan Moves to Fight Suit

Meanwhile, the Ku Klux Klan moved this week for dismissal of the State's charter revocation suit. Two actions were filed in behalf of the hooded orders, a traverse of service plea and a plea of abatement. The Sheriff of Fulton County is alleged to have served the charter suit papers on the Klan's lawyer, Morgan Belser, while the Klan contends that the papers should have been served on the defendant Klan through its own officials. Sun. 12-1-46

Since the traverse of service plea cannot be heard until Dec. 13 and the court recesses on Dec. 15 for the remainder of the year, it appeared that the Klan case might not come to trial. Governor-elect Eugene Talmadge is said to have indicated that he would order the State's action dropped if it were pending when he was inaugurated Jan. 14.

U.S. Justice Dept. to Aid Ga. in Fight Against KKK

The Afro-American Baltimore, Md
Sat. 10-19-46

Federal Files Open to State; Truman Approves Arnall's Efforts Against Hatred, Intolerance

ATLANTA—(ANP)—Georgia's law enuforcement agencies will have the aid of the U.S. Department of Justice in the State's efforts to revoke the Ku Klux Klan charter, State Asst. Atty. Gen. Daniel Duke revealed last week.

He said President Truman had written Governor Ellis Arnall, promising that he would order the Department of Justice to make available to Georgia all information in the Government's possession about the Klan.

Arnall Seeks Information

Gov. Arnall recently asked that the department open its klan files to Georgia, including all data that allegedly linked the klan, German bund and similar organizations. President Truman in his letter to Arnall said:

"Attorney General Tom Clark says that the Justice Department has information regarding Ku Klux Klan activities. If any of this material is useful in connection with the prosecution of the suit to which you referred, he will be glad to make it available to you."

Duke to Collect Data

Mr. Duke, who has been to several localities getting information about Klan activities, will visit Washington soon to arrange for release of the Justice Department's infomation. Governor Arnall has offered to exchange klan evidence with the Justice Department and President Truman said this was greatly appreciated.

The President added, "I am heartily in sympathy with the efforts you are making against religious intolerance and racial hatred." The suit in Fulton County to invalidate the Klan's national charter has been postponed indefinitely because of illness of the unit's attorney, Morgan Belser.

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Marching Through Georgia —Burck

The Advertiser, Montgomery, Ala. Wed. 11-20-46

Duke Tells Klan Tie-Up With Bund

Constitution
Atlanta, Ga.
Sun 8-25-46

The Knights of the Klan have been given another cross to bear —the crooked cross of Naziism.

Asst. Atty. Gen. Dan Duke Friday announced that Georgia was amending its suit to revoke the Klan charter in order "to include the tie-up between the Klan, the German-American Bund and other subversive groups along the Eastern Seaboard."

Witnesses from Northern States, together with extensive documentary evidence, will be presented when the State and Klan come to legal grips, he added.

"I have positive proof that many of the persons who have been writing Samuel Green, Grand Dragon of Georgia, to reorganize the Klan in New Jersey are former members of the German-American Bund," Duke declared.

In this connection, Duke pointed out that Green had told New Jersey reporters this July that he had received 300 letters from old Jersey Klansmen, hoping for the reorganization of the night-shirted order in their State. Sun 8-25-46

Concerning the joint Klan-Bund meeting Aug. 18, 1940, at Andover, N. J., Green told the New Jersey reporters the Klan had had "nothing to do with the foreigners in the Bund" and that the Klan was forced to meet there because "there wasn't another place big enough to hold the meeting," Duke said.

DOWN in Georgia it is considered significant that red-gallused Gene Talmadge, the minority-elected new governor, was not present to help present a $1,800 De Soto automobile to Ku Klux Klan Grand Dragon, Dr. Samuel Green. Instead, Gene's son, Herman, did the honors.

Herman made a powerful, arm-waving speech, just like the "Old Man," in which he damned "Jews, Catholics and niggers" and in which he also eulogized Dr. Green. Herman said he had known the Grand Dragon's "constructive work" for many years, and he considered him "a splendid American of spotless character." The opposition, Herman said, had imported detectives to comb Green's record but never had been able to find anything bad about him. The Courier-Journal

After Klansman Cliff Vittur presented the De Soto car as a "surprise" to the Grand Dragon, the latter arose and accepted the gift. Louisville, Ky.

First he took out of his pocket a tiny toy automobile which he placed on the table. Tues. 11-26-46

"When I first heard Drew Pearson announce that I was to receive a gift of an automobile," proclaimed the Grand Dragon, "I was not sure I could believe a person like Pearson, so a friend of mine presented me with a toy automobile that night to keep from making a liar out of Drew."

Green went on to acclaim the progress made by the Klan in recent years. During the Klan's low ebb, he said, he sometimes traveled far and would be rewarded by only a few members turning up at a meeting.

"But now, wherever I go," boasted the Grand Dragon, "I am greeted by a packed meeting hall. I believe in the Klan and will fight for it and for white supremacy with the last drop of my blood."

Note—About twenty women attended the ceremony. As people entered the hall they were handed small stickers showing a white-robed figure on a white horse carrying a flaming cross. The slogan on the sticker read: "Yesterday, and today, and forever." The turnout was smaller than expected.

This Morning

By JOHN TEMPLE GRAVES

"Come one, come all, this rock shall fly, Jacksonville, Fla.
From its firm base as soon as I...." Sun. Herald

Daredevil Drew Pearson stood on the steps of Georgia's capitol Sunday afternoon and defied the Klan —over a national hookup. There were only 2,000 people there to hear him but happily for the show, there was enough boo-ing to make a proper noise over the radio. Mr. Drew was there at the invitation of his great and good friend Gov. Ellis Arnall, whose genius at national plays without incurring any real danger in Georgia must have been a comfort to Drew as he took his stand. Another comfort was the cordon of police and guardsmen surrounding the two actors, more than equalling in numbers, it was said, the number of Klansmen present. It was fine of Ellis to do this for his old friend but no less than Drew's due. It was Drew who undertook some years ago to whisper to the wide world, after having himself been whispered to by Ellis, that Georgia's liberal young Governor was getting rid of the poll tax piece by piece so cleverly that Georgia's bigots didn't notice it going. Thurs 7-25-46

Was this drama in Atlanta the last razzle-dazzle of the South's master politician? It may be. The race-mongers there, given new rope by the radicals there, have now hung the radicals, leaving the world between Lookout and St. Mary's to be won eventually, let us pray, by Georgians who are neither.

Negroes Ask Council Ban On Klan Here

Macon, Ga. Telegraph
October 15, 1946

A petition of the Bibb County Democratic Progressive Club, a Negro organization, has been filed with the city clerk by F. D. Moore, secretary, calling on members of city council to "dedicate themselves to freeing this community of hate organizations such as the one now reportedly being created under the blazing cross of the Ku Klux Klan."

Scheduled for consideration at tonight's session of council, the petition reads in part, "We, the Negro citizens of Bibb County, are aware of the fact that an active organization of the most un-American, undemocratic, and cowardly group of men in this section has banded themselves together under the terrifying, blazing cross of the Ku Klux Klan.

"We, the Negro citizens of Bibb County, are alarmed at, and are deeply ashamed of the fact that Macon—the fair city of which we are justly proud—shelters an organization that is a threat to that which all people hold dear—the Negroes of America—and of the South hold dear and cherish these.

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"May God grant that you—each of you—will dedicate yourselves to the cause that would keep Macon free of organizations such as the Ku Klux Klan which preaches hatred because of a man's race, color or creed."

Georgia's KKK Now Says It Isn't

G. M. Register, N.Y.
June 7-25-46

James A. Colescott, former Imperial Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, filed a 6000-word statement in court at Atlanta saying in effect that the Ku Klux Klan disbanded two years ago and doesn't exist any more. This was his answer in the State's proceedings to revoke the Klan from the steps of the state capitol. Pearson condemned statements by officials of the notorious fascist order that Klansmen would hold key government positions under the new Talmadge reign. Dr. Samuel Green, grand dragon of the Georgia Klan, boasted that 100,000 of his primitive followers aided in electing Talmadge.

Following the same signal for anti-Negro violence given by Talmadge last week, Klansmen set fire to a formerly white church and school building at Soperton. The church was burned to the ground the day after it was first used by Negroes.

EMBOLDENED KLAN BOOS CRITIC ON CAPITOL STEPS

Chicago Sun
Chicago Defender
Sat 9-21-46

ATLANTA—Fascist elements, subdued during the liberal administration of Gov. Ellis Arnall, moved into the open here last week and booed Commentator Drew Pearson as he flayed the Ku Klux

Klan's charter and put a stop to its revived activities. June 7-4-46

Talmadge's Son Blows Horn For KKK at Atlanta Meet

Daily Worker New York, N.Y. Mon. 11-25-46

By Jim Paris

ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 24.—Herman Talmadge, son, gubernatorial campaign manager and right-hand man of Governor-elect Eugene Talmadge, was the featured speaker at an affair held by the Ku Klux Klan in the Atlanta Municipal Auditorium Monday evening, Nov. 18, honoring the birthday of Dr. Samuel Green, Grand Dragon of the KKK.

About 2,000 Klansmen were present. Klansmen were stationed at the entrances to the auditorium, and each person atending the affair gave the password, "Save America," before entering.

Herman Talmadge, who in his speech paid tribute to the strength and support of the Klan which aided greatly in the election of his father as governor, was introduced as a famous son of a famous father who is willing to fight for the preservation of our American traditions against the foreigners, the Communsts, the Negroes, the Jews and the Catholics.

The younger Talmadge, a veteran praised organizations like the Klan and the American Legion as the kind of organization whch will save America for Americans. He stressed the hazard involved in allowing Negroes to vote in Georgia as they were ignorant and uneducated and could be dominated by any tricky and cunning race.

He mentioned the large Negro votes overwhelmingly in favor of Helen Mankin against James Davis (a pro-Talmadge man) in the race for Congress. He praised Grand Dragon Green for his untiringly dilligent and creative work. He reassured the audience his father was feeling much better and after sufficient rest would be out of the hospital. He denied the report given by Drew Pearson that his father was suffering from cancer of the stomach.

Dr. Green was given a new DeSoto automobile as a birthday present from the Klan. Money for the car had been collected at various previous meetings. The car was presented by Cliff Vittur and driven into the auditorium hall by policeman "shotgun" Johnson.

The evening had opened with a barbecue and after everyone had eaten, they filed into the main hall where the speakers took over. A

New Haven Aldermen Back Bilbo Ouster

NEW HAVEN.—The New Haven Board of Aldermen, at their regular monthly meeting passed a resolution supporting the national move to oust Bilbo from the U.S. Senate. Copies of the resolution have been forwarded to both Connecticut Senators and Congressmen.

The resolution emphasized the fact of the open admission by Bilbo of being a member of the Ku Klux Klan.

Action on a local FEPC was also started by the board.

Klan Stickers Pasted In Capitol Corridors

The Constitution Atlanta, Ga. Sat. 11-23-46

Small stickers portraying a white-hooded figure on a white horse were found pasted on the pillars and in the corridors of the State Capitol yesterday.

The slogan, "Yesterday, Today, Forever," used by the Ku Klux Klan, also appeared on the small stamp-like stickers, several of which were pasted on the walls outside Gov. Arnall's office.

Negro janitors in the Capitol Building were ordered to remove the stickers and most of them had disappeared by the time Atty. Gen. Cook announced the confessions of two members of the Columbians, a uniformed order similar in purpose to the Klan.

Revenue Collector Told to Collect $685,300 From KKK

The Afro-American Baltimore, Md.

ATLANTA — (NNPA) — United States Internal Revenue Collector Marion Allen of Atlanta, last Friday was urged by the union-sponsored Georgia Legislative Council to collect $685,305 in back taxes owed Uncle Sam by the Ku Klux Klan.

Kenneth Douty, secretary of the Legislative Council, said he had offered Allen "conclusive evidence" of tangible Klan assets that could be attached. Allen, who filed a lien against the Klan here several months ago, said at that time that he could not locate any property upon which to levy claims.

Sat. 9-21-46

Klan Attorney Asks That Suit Be Thrown Out

The Courier-Journal Louisville, Ky. Sat. 11-30-46

Charges Serving Papers On Him Voided Action

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In addition, Klan attorney Morgan S. Belser fired what may prove an even more telling legal shot. Belser asked that the Klan suit be thrown out on the grounds that papers had been served on him instead of officers of the hooded order, thus voiding the action.

Urges Arnall As Prosecutor.

Superior Court attaches said this issue called for a jury for determination and the earliest date on which this is possible would be January 13, the date the administration of Governor Ellis Arnall goes out of office. Arnall's successor, Governor-elect Eugene Talmadge, has said he would stop the attack on the Klan charter.

Belser said such an end would not be to his liking. He insisted that he was "ready, willing and able" to try the case any time and suggested that Arnall might be named as a special attorney to prosecute it. Official comment on this suggestion was lacking.

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KLAN WINS DELAY ON GEORGIA'S SUIT

The Times New York, N.Y.

Columbians Also Put Off Move by State as Time Nears for Talmadge to Take Oath

Sat. 11-30-46

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 29 — The Ku Klux Klan asked today that the State of Georgia suit seeking to revoke the order's charter be thrown out of Fulton County (Atlanta) Superior Court.

The Columbians, anti-Negro and anti-Jewish organization chartered last August, filed a demurrer to similar quo warranto proceedings brought against the organization by Georgia. It was held that the suit was based on "conclusions of the pleader" without any facts to back them up.

Morgan Beeser, Atlanta attorney, serving as counsel for the Klan, filed a traverse of service plea and a plea in abatement.

The first claimed improper service of the court papers in that service was made on the attorney instead of Klan officials. The plea in abatement contained special demurrers to every paragraph in the recent amendment to the State's original suit. The amended petition charged connections between the Klan and the German-American Bund.

The plea in abatement cannot be heard until after disposition of the traverse of service plea. Superior Court Judge E. E. Pomeroy set Dec. 13 as the date by which the county sherrif must reply to charges of improper service.

Since court recesses on Dec. 15 for the rest of the year, it appeared that the State's case against the Klan may not go to trial. Governor-elect Eugene Talmadge is expected to order the State Attorney General to drop the case when Mr. Talmadge is inaugurated on Jan. 14.

The Columbians' answer to the State's suit against them was filed by Attorney J. E. B. Stewart. It made a categorical denial of the State's allegations. It said that the State did not specify any definite illegal actions, that the State did not set forth how the order allegedly carried on dissemination of racial and religious prejudices, intolerance and hatred, and that the State did not offer "names of people allegedly beaten and terrorized" and did not specify "what officers or how one of its members was honored for allegedly committing crimes."

It also stated that there was no law authorizing the Attorney General to institute and prosecute the present case.

Time Blocks Prosecution Of Ga. KKK

Defender Chicago, Ill. Sat. 11-16-46

ATLANTA—With Gov. Ellis Arnall's exit from the state capitol scheduled for Jan. 1, hope for final court action outlawing the Ku-Klux-Klan here before Klan-loving Eugene Talmadge takes over the state's reins this week became yet more slight.

Klan-buster Dan Duke, tireless assistant attorney general, who commuted between Atlanta, Trenton, N. J., and New York City gathering documented evidence connecting the Klan with the German-American Bund, promised during the recent primaries that he would resign when Talmadge became governor. Governor-elect Talmadge has given advance warning that he will not continue prosecution of the hooded order.

The suit was scheduled for Sept. 9 in Fulton Supreme Court, but Morgan Belser secured a postponement until November.

Klan spokesman have maintained an ominous quiet since the last primaries. At that time Dr. Samuel Green, Atlanta physician and Georgia Grand Dragon, claimed that 100,000 Kluxers supported the election of Talmadge in the gubernatorial elections.

ARNALL AND THE KLAN

The News Birmingham, Ala.

In spite of the fact that Gov. Arnall, of Georgia, attained national prominence during his administration as governor of that state, we have been only part-time admirers of this youthful executive.

However, if he succeeds in disbanding and disorganizing the Ku Klux Klan, and erases the blot it has put upon his state, we, along with thousands of other Southerners, will proclaim him to be one of the greatest governors in the South, for he will have eradicated a malignant growth of racial prejudice that might otherwise spread over adjoining states.

Gov. Arnall has but a short length of time before his term expires to achieve this, and the great majority of all Southerners are wholeheartedly his wishful supporters.—Sylacauga News. Wed. 11-27-46

Klan, Kindred Order Survive Arnall Attacks

The Advertiser
Montgomery, Ala.

Issue Calls For A Jury; Earliest Date Jan. 13. Day 'Gene' Takes Office

Sat. 11-30-46

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Belser said, however, that such an end would not be to his liking. He insisted that he was "ready, willing and able" to try the case any time and suggested that Arnall might be named as a Special Attorney to prosecute it. Official comment on this suggestion was lacking.

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As for a state allegation that the Columbians were modeled after the Klan, Stewart said his clients couldn't answer that because they did not know what lines, if any, the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan are patterned after." He contended that a charge that the order is "contrary to law and to the public policy of the State" would not stand because it "does not set out what the public policy of this State is."

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Stewart also complained that no names were given of citizens alleged to have been "beaten and Columbian agents alleged to have been guilty of this offense.

Cook Pledges Klan Fight To a Finish

The Constitution
Atlanta, Ga.
Sat. 11-30-46

Georgia's Attorney General Eugene Cook declared last night he plans to continue the fight to revoke the charters of the Ku Klux Klan and the Columbians during the Talmadge administration if he does not win his cases during the Arnall administration.

Cook's comment came after it appeared yesterday that the Ku Klux case would be delayed until after Gov.-Elect Talmadge takes office Jan. 13. Talmadge has said he is not interested in pressing the case against the Klan, and Assistant Attorney General Dan Duke has announced he will not serve during the Talmadge administration even if asked—and it is unlikely he will be asked.

Klan Attorney Morgan S. Belser suggested that Ellis Arnall, after he leaves the Governor's chair, be appointed Assistant Attorney General to prosecute the Klan. Belser was not optimistic about the State's suit being dropped when Talmadge takes office.

The Columbians yesterday said that the State suit to revoke their charter was just "conclusions of the pleader" without any facts to back them up. The anti-Jewish organization made this statement in an answer and demurrer in Fulton Superior Court.

The Columbians also denied Assistant Attorney General Duke's allegations that it was subversive, sought to repress political and legal rights of Negroes or to beat Georgia citizens, and had engaged in terrorism or any other illegal activity. It said the State had listed no names of any citizens alleged to have been beaten or terrorized.

KKK in Ga. Wins Decisive Delay

Daily Worker
New York, N. Y.

ATLANTA, Nov. 29.— The Ku Klux Klan, through a series of delaying tactics, tonight appeared to have won assurance that the state's suit to quash its charter will never come to trial and will be dropped when Gov. Eugene Talmadge takes office Jan. 14.

Sat. 11-30-46

A similar suit against the anti-Jewish and anti-Negro Columbians, Inc., was deferred for trial until 1947, when the new group filed a demurrer on today's deadline for an answer.

Court officials said a hearing on the legal questions in the Klan suit could not be scheduled until the week of Dec. 16 and the earliest the case could go before a jury would be the week of Jan. 13. Talmadge takes office Jan. 14.

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AS PEARSON DEFIED THE KLAN

The Defender Chicago, Ill. Sat. 8-3-46

Bearding the Ku Klux Klan in its own home territory, Drew Pearson, radio and press commentator, lashed out with a scathing attack last week on the hooded order in his regular broadcast, aired from the steps of the Georgia capitol in Atlanta. Crowd, composed of many Klan members, booed and jeered as Pearson denounced KKK hate mongers, in direct answer to Klan challenge that he was afraid to appear in Atlanta.

Will Summon Officials

The Courier Pittsburgh, Pa. Sat. 8-17-46

Georgia Will Expose Klan As Money-Making Racket

By JAMES EDMUND BOYACK

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ATLANTA, Ga.—The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan will be exposed as a disseminator of racial and religious prejudice, intolerance and hate, and it will be revealed that its ultimate aim is "to force its principles and doctrines on the State of Georgia by violence, terrorism and hate" when Assistant Attorney General Daniel Duke goes before the Supreme Court here Sept. 9 to petition for revocation of its national charter.

He will also disclose that the purely benevolent and eleemosyn-is actually a money-making racket Klan, which was organized as "a ary corporation and not for profitfor gain to itself or its members," for its top officials.

PASSED SENTENCE ON CITIZENS

He will further charge that the Klan has tried Georgia citizens in the secrecy of the KKK Klavern when such citizens were not present, or represented by counsel, and has passed sentence on them, and executed the sentence, proving that "the defendant has arrogated unto themselves the power of a court, and substituted a trial by ordeal for a trial by jury."

Duke will also show that the Klan has entered into a conspiracy to render the State incapable of carying out Article 1, Section 1, Paragraphs I, III, and IV of the State Constitution, to wit:

I. "Protection to person and property is the paramount duty of Government and shall be impartial and complete.

III. "No person shall be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law.

IV. "No person shall be deprived of the right to prosecute or defend his own cause in any court of this State, in person, or by attorney, or both."

The Assistant Attorney General will cite specific acts carried out by the Klan by order of the Imperial Palace and under the signature of the Imperial Wizzard which "threaten the sovereignty of the State."

MONEY-MAKING RACKET

Mr. Duke will show the court that the Kleagle, or organizer of the KKK has authority to organize and set up posts or Klans, and that out of each initiation fee of $10 (Klectokon) he receives $4 and the Imperial Palace $2.50.

He will also point out that a Goblin (another organizer) also has authority to install posts or Klans, and that out of each Klectokon of $10, he receives $3 and the Grand Dragon receives $1. The Kleagle does not participate in the spoils when dues are collected as a result of the efforts of the Goblin.

Income from the sale of all robe, masks, hoods, and regalia goes directly to the Imperial Wizzard, or the Grand Dragon. This amounts to about $3.50 for each member.

WILL CALL OFFICIALS

The following Klan officials are expected to be supoened as witnesses by Duke when the trial begins here:

Samuel H. Green, Grand Dragon of the Realm of Georgia. He is elected or appointed by the Imperial Wizzard, or the Imperial Kloncilium. He is also Exalted Cyclops of the Atlanta Post No. 1.

G. T. Brown, Grand Titan of the Fifth Province of the Georgia Realm. He is former Exalted Cyclops of Post No. 297, Oakland City.

S. W. Roper, now Exalted Cyclops of Post No. 297, Oakland City.

B. G. Otwell, Exalted Cyclops of Post No. 213, Oakland City.

It will be shown that the government of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan is vested in the Imperial Wizzard, called the Emperor. He is assisted by fifteen Genii, who are the imperial officers, and constitute his official family. The so-called "Invisible Empire" includes geographically the universal jurisdiction of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

AN INVISIBLE EMPIRE

The Invisible Empire of the Ku Klux Klan is subdivided into Realms. The government of a Realm is vested in the Grand Dragon, who is assisted by nine Hydras, who are the Grand Officers of the Realm. The term "Realm includes a State or territory of the United States.

The Realm is subdivided into provinces, the government of which is vested in a Grand Titan, who is assisted by twelve Furies, who are the Grand Officers of a Province. The term "Province" includes a county, or number of counties of a State or territory of the United States.

A Province of a Realm of the Invisible Empire of the Ku Klux Klan is subdivided into a Klan, the government of which is vested in an Exalted Cyclops, who is assisted by twelve Terrors, who constitute the elective officers of a Klan.

A "Klan" is the smallest unit of the Invisible Empire and "is made up of white, protestant men of kindred purpose, who are bound together by an oath, and who are determined to enhance and protect each other's interest and welfare."

Klan Denies All Georgia Charges

The Afro-American Baltimore, Md. Sat. 7-13-46

ATLANTA — (ANP)—The Ku Klux Klan last week asked Fulton Superior court to dismiss action by the State of Georgia to dissolve its charter, its lawyers contending that the organization ceased to exist two years ago.

The answer stated that the Klan, or contained in the quo warranto proceedings.

Benevolence Cited

However, he admitted that the for its "benevolent activities' at a meeting of the Klan as an organization known Apr. 23, 1944, suspended its constitution and by-laws, vacated all offices and elected a five-man board of trustees with Mr. Coles- erally defined in the action, and cited its alleged record "in aiding denying that it had been amended and ap- widows and orphans, and in contributing to storm and flood relief proved for 20 years from 1935. Mr. Belser alleged that since the proper identity of the Imperial Wizard James A. Colescott, through Morgan Belser, Atlanta attorney, filed a 6,000-word demurrer categorially every allegation made by Attorney General Eugene Cook. A hearing has been set for July 10 in the State's action, action of the 15-man board of trustees and "supreme cott as president. Mr. Belser raised the question in the South in recent years."

No Cause for Action

The Klan declared that "no cause for action" had been shown as to the propriety of the Ku Klux Klan in its charter. Mr. Belser alleged that since the Klan's charter, the ing the constitution in 1944, the copy of the Klan's

Tax Suit Reveals Klan Boss Drew State Funds

The Defender Chicago, Ill.
Sat. 1-6-46

WASHINGTON — The Georgia election tide may well be turned in favor of gubernatorial candidate James Carmichael, as a tax court finding here revealed how a Ku Klux Klan official extracted millions of dollars from the state under the governorships of Gene Talmadge and E. D. Rivers, who are also election candidates.

The court found Hiram W. Evans, the kluxer, liable for the greater part of nearly $300,000 in deficiencies covering unpaid taxes on net earnings of several road construction companies owned by him and members of his immediate family, between 1937 and 1941. The former Imperial Wizard of the Klan acted as a salesman for road building materials on a commission basis during administrations of Talmadge and Rivers.

In the opinion of the court, which heard claims by Evans that huge sums were spent for entertainment, construction partnerships were set up ostensibly only to free the Klan of financial responsibility in the businesses. In reality they were set up as a means of avoiding taxation, the court found.

Through various manipulations, Evans was able to withdraw huge sums from the companies for his personal use. In other deals, money flowed between him and the Klan in the form of wages.

Tax litigation experts here estimated that during the Talmadge and Rivers administrations, the former Wizard's partnerships, through contact with state officials, gained several times the net profits indicated in the tax suit.

It is believed by many observers that the patronage tie-up existed between the Klan and state officials during that time, will hurt the chances of Talmadge, who is backed by the Klan, and Rivers, a former Klan member, in the coming elections. The claim of the government against Evans is separate from the $600,000 suit filed against the bed-sheet order recently for non-payment of income taxes.

Opposing Talmadge and Rivers in the primary race is James Carmichael, 35-year-old attorney, backed by present progressive Governor Ellis Arnall.

GEORGIA SAYS KLAN SOUGHT BUND HELP

The ——— Times

It Tried to Effect a Merger in 1940, State Alleges in Move to Revoke the Charter

New York, N.Y.

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

ATLANTA, Nov. 9—The State of Georgia accused the Ku Klux Klan today of attempting a merger in 1940 with the German-American Bund. It also alleged that the hooded order even now was seeking to weld ultra-nationalist veterans' groups and anti-Semitic and anti-Negro factions.

Assistant Attorney General Daniel Duke, named by Gov. Ellis Arnall to prosecute the Klan, filed the charges in Fulton County Court (Atlanta) as an amendment to the State's suit to revoke the Klan charter. A hearing on the demurrers to the original petition is scheduled for Nov. 25.

The amended petition coincided with State litigation to revoke the charter of a new anti-Negro and anti-Jewish organization known as the Columbians, Inc. The Arnall administration has little time left for its actions of this nature, as it will give way in January to the new Governor, Eugene Talmadge. The latter announced recently that he would order the Klan suit dropped. Sun. 11-10-46

The State's amended Klan petition set forth that in 1940 certain local Klans on the eastern seaboard made " a definite planned effort" to combine the Klan and the German-American Bund into one racially supreme "all-Aryan" organization and undertook joint operation to boycott Jewish, Catholic and Negro businesses.

"Similar activities were planned and executed by the order in collaboration with racially like-minded Fascist and Nazi organizations," the petition declared.

The State seeks dissolution of the Klan charter on the ground that the order "systematically is carrying out a policy designed to violate the rights of Georgia citizens guaranteed under the Constitution of the State and of the United States."

The State also charges that Eugene N. Sanctuary, "openly acknowledged by the German Ministry of Propaganda as one of its most dependable allies in America, is the publisher and co-author of the order's official history and handbook."

The petition asserts the Klan also functioned "as one of the important distributors of Sanctuary's prolific output of hate literature in the United States."

The State alleges that additional relations are now developing between the Klan and Gerald L. K. Smith and his associates.

"Most current example," the petition declares, "is perhaps that of the Klan front organization called the Continental League for Christian Freedom, headed by Millard Grubbs of Louisville, Ky. This organization is attempting primarily to recruit veterans along violently anti-Semitic, anti-Catholic and anti-Negro lines."

Gov. Arnall Calls For Full Steam Ahead In Fight Against Klan

The News Birmingham, Ala.

ATLANTA, Nov. 9—(AP)—The outgoing administration of Gov. Ellis Arnall raced against time Saturday to smash the corporate entity of the Ku Klux Klan in Georgia before inauguration of Gov.-Elect Eugene Talmadge. Sun. 11-10-46

Asst. Atty. Gen. Daniel Duke, who successfully prosecuted Klan floggings three years ago, filed new charges in Fulton (Atlanta) Superior Court. In them the state alleges the Klan sought to merge with the German-American Bund in 1940 in one racially supreme "all-Aryan" organization, and charges the Klan even now of trying to coordinate activities of anti-Jewish, anti-Negro and anti-Catholic groups.

Duke, filing the allegations as an amended petition to revoke the Klan's charter as a "charitable and benevolent organization," declared: "The State of Georgia will push this to the limit. Let Talmadge take personal responsibility for dismissing the suit."

Talmadge, who takes office next January, publicly announced several weeks ago that he would order the suit dropped.

Meanwhile, Duke acknowledged receipt of an envelope containing soiled scraps of a similar charter issued to Columbians, Inc., an avowed anti-Negro, anti-Semitic group in Atlanta. Leaders of the Columbians tore up the charter after being summoned to show cause in Superior Court Nov. 15 why they should not be deprived of it.

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THE AMENDED PETITION against the Klan, which will be heard Nov. 25, alleges:

1. The Klan made "a definite planned effort" in 1940 to combine Klan and German-American Bund into one organization.

2. Eugene Sanctuary, "openly acknowledged by the German Ministry of Propaganda as one of the most dependable allies in America," is publisher and co-author of the Klan's official history and handbook.

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4. Edward James Smythe, founder of the Protestant War Veterans and Protestant Chaplain Association, was active for years both in Klan and Nazi Bundist circles, and continues to work with New Jersey Klansmen. Smythe "was collecting money for use in such work within the past 60 days."

5. Other relations now are developing between the Klan and Gerald L. K. Smith and his associates, a current example being the Klan-front organization called the Continental League for Christian Freedom, headed by Millard Grubbs, of Louisville, Ky.

The petition charges the Klan with encouraging the organization of ultra-nationalist, anti-Semitic and anti-Negro veterans' groups, and with substituting "its whim for law and order."

The state charges: "The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, through its officials, agents and members, have committed crimes against society."

Ga. Pushes Klan Suit, Adds Counts

The Afro-American Baltimore, Md.

ATLANTA — New charges amending a petition to revoke the Ku Klux Klan's charter in Georgia were filed Saturday in Fulton Superior Court here by Daniel Duke, assistant attorney general, in a race against time to smash the Klan's corporate entity before Governor-elect Eugene Talmadge is inaugurated.

The State alleges in the new charges that the hooded order sought to merge with the German-American Bund in 1940 in one racially supreme "all-Aryan" organization, and that even now, it is trying to co-ordinate activities of anti-Jewish, anti-colored and anti-Catholic groups.

Mr. Duke, who successfully prosecuted Klan floggings three years ago, and who is seeking revocation of the Klan's charter as a "charitable and benevolent organization" said:

"The State of Georgia will push this to the limit. Let Talmadge take personal responsibility for dismissing the suit."

Talmadge, who takes office next January, publicly announced several weeks ago that he would order the suit dropped.

In the meantime, Mr. Duke acknowledged receipt of an envelope containing soiled scraps of a similar charter issued to Columbians, Inc., an avowed anti-colored, anti-Semitic group here.

Leaders of the Columbians tore up the charter after being summoned to show cause in Superior Court on Nov. 13 why they should not be deprived of it.

The amended petition against the Klan, which will be heard Nov. 25, alleges:

1. The Klan made a "definite planned effort" in 1940 to combine the Klan and the German-American Bund into one organization. The Afro-American

2. Eugene Sanctuary, "openly acknowledged by the German Ministry of Propaganda as one of its most dependable allies in America," is publisher and author of the Klan's official history and handbook. Baltimore, Md.

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State Amends Suit Against Ku Kluxers

Daily World Atlanta, Ga.

Action Coincident With Action To Curb Columbians

Sun. 11-10-46

Sensational charges that the Georgia Ku Klux Klan had sought to merger its activities with the discredited German-American Bund, were made public here Saturday afternoon by Assistant Attorney-General Daniel Duke, special prosecutor against the hooded order. "Even now," Duke warned, the Klan is seeking to weld ultra-nationalist veterans' groups and anti-Negro factions," into a single, united "Aryan organization."

Mr. Dukes' charge were filed in Fulton Superior Court as an amendment to an earlier suit to revoke the Klan's charter.

NOV. 21 DEADLINE

Judge Bond Almand set Nov. 21 as the deadline for the Klan to file an answer to the charges, "subject to demurrer and objections." Morgan Belser, Klan attorney, was ordered served with a copy of the amendment and the judge's order. The suit is docketed for hearing November 25 .

The amended petition was introduced coincident with another suit seeking to revoke the charter of a new anti-Negro anti-Jewish groups called the "Columbians, Inc.

THE PETITION

The text of the petition follows:

The petition alleges:

In 1940, certain local Klans on the Eastern Seaboard made "a definite, planned effort" to combine the Klan and the German-American Bund into one racially supreme "All-Aryan" organization, and undertook joint operations to boycott Jewish, Catholic and Negro-owned business.

"Similar activities were planned and excuted by the order in collaboration with racially like-minded Fascist and Nazi organizations," the petition says.

The state seeks charter revocation on grounds that the Klan 'ystematically is carrying out a policy designed to violate the rights of Georgia citizens guaranteed under the constitution of the state and of the United Sates." Daily World

Also alleged is that Eugene N. Sanctuary, "openly acknowledged by the German ministry of propaganda as one of its most dependable allies in America, is the publisher and co-author of the order's official history and handbook." The petition says, "is perhaps that of the Klan front organization called petition says the Klan also functioned "as one of the important distributors of Sanctuary's prolific output of hate literature in the United States." Atlanta Ga

The state alleges that additional relations are now developing between the Klan and Gerald L. K. Smith and his associates.

Sun. 11-10-46

"The most current example," the

Fight on Klan Charter Continues
Columbians Facing Suit
Sun. 12-1-46
Daily World

Georgia's Ku Klux Klan ... laying tactics.

Legal questions involved ... vene until January.

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Murder, Flogging Spurs Drive On Klan

The Defender Chicago, Ill.
Sat. 6-15-46

ATLANTA, Ga. — Governor Ellis Arnall's move against the Ku Klux Klan this week has uncovered terrorist crimes against Negroes and revealed part of the strategy by which the bed-sheeted hoodlums hope to escape punishment and continue their activities.

Disclosure of Klan terrorism against Negroes came from Dan Duke, State Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation's probe of Klan activities. Duke revealed that—

1. A 21-year-old Negro Navy veteran, working as a bellboy in a hotel here, had been given 52 lashes by hooded men showing tin police badges at an isolated spot near here on the night of Feb. 13.

2. Porter Flournoy, a middle-aged Negro taxi driver, was stabbed to death by Klan strong-arm men last August, and his body flung on the lawn of a DeKalb County physician's home.

In both cases, it was revealed, local police authorities had hushed the crimes. DeKalb County police marked the killing of Flournoy as "unsolved." The College Park police chief refused to give details of the flogging of the veteran on the ground that it would jeopardize his investigation.

The murder of Flourney was uncovered by Duke's undercover men, who have been sent into the Klan to obtain evidence against it. Duke's men heard members of the Kavalier Klub, the Klan's strong-arm squad, boast of their killing of Flournoy. The Kavalier Klub includes about 50 men picked for their brawn and willingness to commit crimes of violence.

In the flogging of the Navy veteran, Klan hoodlums are believed to have mistaken their victim for another Negro who was acquitted earlier on charges of petty larceny. The young veteran was walking in College Park where he had been visiting when a car pulled alongside. He was ordered into the car and taken to a lonely spot said to resemble a golf course.

The veteran was then forced to kneel at gun-point, while men lashed him with a two-tailed leather whip. He said nine men participated. He said one of his tormenters told him that once he had seen a white man struck by a Negro soldier overseas, and that he had sworn to get his revenge.

Revelation of these outrages coincided with Governor Ellis Arnall's disclosure that he has received numerous threats from Klansmen or Klan sympathizers. At the same time Duke indicated that the hooded order is employing new stratagems to avoid exposure and prosecution.

Main ruse of the bedsheeters is to deny all association with the old Ku Klux Klan, but evidence is in Duke's hands showing a direct tie-up. In addition, a link has been established between the Klan and ex-Governor Eugene Talmadge's "Vigilantes, Incorporated."

Dr. Samuel Green, Grand Dragon of the Klan, answered Governor Arnall's order to disband the hooded groups with the argument that his "Association of Georgia Klans" was purely voluntary and fraternal, and that it is separate from the old Klan. Green is seeking to avoid payment of a federal tax lien of $685,305 filed against the Klan last Thursday by the collector of internal revenue.

But records in the office of the Georgia secretary of state show that the charter of the original Klan was extended for 20 years on March 22, 1946, and registration fees paid for the years 1940 through 1946. One of the signers of the registration certificate was James A. Colscott, former Klan bigwig who moved to Miami at the beginning of the war and announced the Klan's dissolution. Colscott represented himself as general manager of the revived Klan.

Vigilantes, Incorporated, was established by Talmadge to take the place of the Klan after Colscott announced its dissolution. Governor Arnall has recently declared that the Vigilantes and the Klan were tied together. He demanded an investigation of both bodies.

High-ranking former state officials signed the charter incorporating Vigilantes. They inculded John E. Goodwin, director of the State Department of Public Safety under Talmadge; and John J. Cummings, member of the State Board of Regents under the Talmadge administration.

Another maneuver of the Klan is to modify its program so as to be acceptable to church people and big business. Leading points of its program now commit it to action against "outside labor influences," Communists, and "forces" alleged to be trying to undermine the church. The idea that the church, the Klan and God all have the same program is a basic point of Klan propaganda.

Governor Arnall, said that letters condemning him declared that the Klan was needed "to put fear in the hearts of men; to curtail unions, run Negroes out the country, prevent the spread of Catholicism, and to impede the progress of Jews."

Ku Klux Klan 'Old American Custom,' Says Wood

The Defender Chicago, Ill.
Sat. 6-15-46

ATLANTA, Ga. — Representative Wood, chairman of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, is a native of Georgia where attempts to revive the Ku Klux Klan have been strongest and as such, he states with authority that the Klan is "an old American custom"--just like the making of moonshine whiskey.

For this reason, the Georgia congressman has no intention whatever of directing his committee to investigate KKK activities.

Wood told a group of reporters last week, "The threats and intimidations of the Ku Klux Klan are an old American custom—just like illegal whiskey making."

The Georgian, who heads the committee along with Mississippi's Rep. John Rankin, added that he, personally, did not approve of Klan members wearing masks but thinks that the hooded groups are state and not federal problems.

Klan Head Happy Over Ga. Victory

The Afro American Baltimore, Md.

ATLANTA — Happiest individual over the outcome of the Georgia primary was Sam Green grand dragon of the reviving Ku Klux Klan, whose membership had stood solidly behind Talmadge.

Said Green: "Eugene Talmadge is not, and never has been, a Klansman. But it is my opinion that as many or more than 100,000 Klansmen and ex-Klansmen voted for him because of his white supremacy platform. All except one, that is."

Afro-American

Green did not deny that the exception he made had reference to Governor Arnall, who has vehemently denied ever belonging to the Klan.

Knocking Helped

The grand dragon said that the "knocking" of the Klan during the Georgia gubernatorial campaign "helped us grow by leaps and bounds. Our membership has doubled in Georgia since the press began its fight on us in an effort to smear Mr. Talmadge."

Meanwhile, speculation was rife as to whether Georgia's suit to deprive the Klan of its corporate charter would continue. The case was postponed until after the primary and the trial date tentatively set for July 24.

Baltimore, Md.

Seven white men who burned a cross in the colored section of Greenville on the eve of the Democratic primary were freed by Sheriff C. H. Collier, who said he did not know under what law he could prosecute them.

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Commentator Attacks Klan; Booed, Lauded

New York Amsterdam News
New York, N.Y.
Sat. 7-27-46

ATLANTA — Drew Pearson, nationally known radio commentator, stood on the steps of the capitol here Sunday and openly denounced the Ku Klux Klan before an audience of 3000 Georgians, some of whom cheered while others booed.

Pearson, speaking over the ABC on his regular broadcast called the Klan "the 20th century carpet baggers," while nearly a fourth of the shirt-sleeved audience jeered and warned him to "get out of Atlanta."

The commentator called names during his talk, Klan Grand Cyclops Sam Roper, he charged, who is at present a member of the Atlanta police force, will be reinstated by newly-elected Gov. Eugene Talmadge to his post as head of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation.

"According to the Grand Cyclops," Pearson said "Talmadge has promised that the race problems will be left to the Klan.

Rumors that many of the strongest supporters of the race-hating Klan are teen-agers was perhaps given proof when a young boy hoisted himself up on a statue of Thomas E. Watson, Liberal populist leader in the 19th century, and shouted "we like it" when Pearson warned of the "germ of hate" planted by Hitler in Germany.

"Ku Klux Klanism," Pearson said, "and all the other isms which preach hate, are not merely the business of the South—they are the business of the nation. And, as with Hitler, the time to stamp them out is now."

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Amid the boos of the audience the commentator charged that the Klan has promised its support to a secret labor union of "gentile Protestant white men" whose main job will be to slow down production in factories run by Jews and Catholics.

Retiring Gov. Ellis Arnall, who introduced Pearson, said that "there is no place in Georgia, there is no place in America, for hate organizations." He added that the suit to revoke the charter of the Klan, which was instituted by him, will "proceed as long as I am governor."

Just prior to the broadcast, Pearson had received a telegram from Dr. Samuel Green, Klan Grand Dragon, who said he would be present at the broadcast. However, if he did appear he did not let anyone know he was present.

A few Negroes were present.

The Adam Hat Company, sponsors of Pearson's program, announced that they had taken out $1,000,000 of life insurance to protect his family during the 15 minutes he appeared on the stand.

Klan Pleads Dismissal Of Georgia Suit

6,000 Word Reply Alleges Klan Out Since April, 1944

Daily Worker

Asking for a dismissal of action by the State of Georgia to revoke its charter, Wednesday, the Ku Klux Klan insisted that its organization has not existed for two years.

James A. Colescott, imperial wizard, filed a 6,000-word demurrer in Fulton County Superior Court through his attorney, Morgan Belser, in which he denied all allegations made by Attorney Eugene Cook.

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It was stated that the Klan suspended all by-laws and its constitution set up a five-man board of trustees of which Mr. Colescott was president at a meeting of imperial officers, April 23, 1944.

The attorney, Mr. Belser admitted that the Klan did have the charter the crux of the suit, but that there was no certified copy of the charter accompanying the quo warranto proceeding. He further contended that the Klan has not functioned since April 23, 1944.

The Klan record was defended by Mr. Colescott who cited the "benevolent activities" of the organization which included "the aiding of widows and orphans and in contributing to storm and flood relief in the South in recent years." All of these were sai dto have occurred before the disbanding date of April 23, 1944.

Atlanta, Ga.

Mrs. Colescott's answer stated: "The Klan has not engaged in disseminating racial and religious prejudices, or hatred, and has used no propaganda to enforce its principles upon the state.....by force, violence, terrorism or hate."

Mr. Colescott denied that there was a "wrecking crew" or secret committee, and, if Floyd I. Lee were appointed chairman of such a committee by W. W. Scarborough of the East Point Klavern, it was done without authorization.

He stated that the Klan was exonerated in an investigation of flogging cases 'six years ago" made by the state and assisted by the

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He declared that the Klan was a non-profit organization and there was surplus" funds in its treasury on April 23, 1944, that they have ince been used for charitable purposes and did not benefit any member or members of the Klan.

Mr. Colescott denied that the Ku Klux Klan held a meeting atop

Stone Mountain the night of May 9, 1946.

Hearing in the proceedings has been scheduled for Wednesday, July 31, 1946.

Fits & Starts
Drew Pearson, breathless Washington columnist, has started in the publicity-been insured] for One Million Dollars for his radio sponsor (the Adam Hat Co.) his Rendezvous With Death, denounced ran a full-page ad (cost, $4,800) an-the Klan before some 2,000 Georgians, nouncing that "Pearson has attacked [the who booed, heckled, sometimes cheered— trick of the week. In radio broadcasts and and showed no interest whatsoever in Mr. Pearson will immediately Pearson's well-protected person.
broadcast from the steps of the State capitol in Atlanta. . . . Mr. Pearson's life has threatened with injury to life and limb should he set foot in [Georgia]. . . .

Klan Charged In Flogging Of Negro Vet

Fatal Stabbing Also Attributed To Hooded Order By Dan Duke; Klan Official Issues Hot Denial

By HENRY LESESNE

Atlanta, June 8. (AP)—A long-time Klan buster laid a fatal stabbing and a flogging at the door of the revived hooded order today but Grand Dragon Samuel Green disclaimed the connection.

"I'm not surprised," said Green contemptuously. "I wouldn't be surprised even to see in the papers that they're blaming the LaSalle Hotel fire in Chicago on us."

Assistant Attorney General Dan Duke said his undercover agents who infiltrated the Klan reported that members of an inner "strong arm" group openly boasted of the killing and flogging.

Duke said the crimes his agents attributed to the inner Klan group, the Kavalier Club, were the slaying of a negro taxi driver and the flogging by a band of nine men of a 21-year-old negro veteran.

The taxi driver, Peter Flournoy Turner, was stabbed to death last August. His body was dumped on the lawn of a physician's home in DeKalb County, a part of the Atlanta metropolitan area.

The case has never been solved.

The flogging victim, Hugh Johnson, who saw service in the Navy and is now a bellhop, said that while one man covered him with a gun, the others lashed him 52 times with a two-tailed leather whip. The beating occurred February 13 in College Park, near Atlanta's municipal airport. Johnson said an automobile containing four men pulled up alongside of him and ordered him into the car at pistol point. They questioned him about where he worked and then told him they were going to "beat hell out of him."

Green said the charges against the association of Georgia Klans—which he contends is not the same organization as the KKK which flourished in the 1920's— were "preposterous."

"Every member of the Klan," he said, "takes an oath to uphold the law, and to help prosecute any member found violating the law."

Johnson, a veteran of 25 months with the Navy in the South Pacific said in an interview that the nine men "whipped me with a whip made out of a broom handle with a couple of pieces of leather stuck on the end. The first five hit me five or six times apiece."

Johnson said an automobile containing four men, all armed with pistols pulled up alongside him after he had left the front porch of a house where he had been seeking the address of an old girl friend.

"I thought they were detectives at first," he said. "They told me to get in and then they drove down an old dirt road and picked up two more carloads. They didn't say much, just told me that they were going to teach negroes to say 'yes, sir' and 'no, sir' to white men.

"I wasn't scared. I was just mad. Had to go through two years six months and seven days in the Navy and then come home and got whipped."

The negro said the men took his pocketbook and money after telling him that another reason for the beating was because one of the men had seen a "colored boy in the service beat up a white boy." None of the men were masked, he said.

Johnson served 25 months at New Caledonia, New Hebrides, the Russell Islands and at Manus.

KLAN-BUND BACKER SETS GEORGIA MOVE

The Times
New York, N.Y.
Sun. 9-8-46

Smythe Tells Arnall He Will Have Atlanta Headquarters When Talmadge Takes Office

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

ATLANTA, Ga., Sept. 7—Edward James Smythe of Washington, founder of the Protestant War Veterans of the United States, an organization which Georgia's assistant attorney general asserts is a "front" for the Ku Klux Klan, has announced he will establish Southern headquarters in Atlanta after Governor-elect Eugene Talmadge takes office in January.

The attorney general's office, which has pending a suit seeking to revoke the Georgia charter of the national chapter of Ku Klux Klan, Inc., today made public a letter addressed to Governor Arnall, in which Mr. Smythe vigorously denounced Jews, Catholics, Communists, the United States Department of Justice, and also charged that President Truman, "was a Klansman and no doubt will renew his membership before the 1948 Presidential campaign."

Daniel Duke, assistant attorney general, expressed the hope that the Justice Department would release information it has concerning anti-racial and religious organizations. Governor Arnall has said that in "a confidential letter" to President to allow the Justice Department to make known its data concerning organizations preaching racial and religious intolerance.

Mr. Duke, after a recent trip to New York to obtain information to incorporate into the State's suite against the Klan, said the State would offer evidence at the Klan charter revocation hearing "to show a tie-up between the Klan and the German-American Bund." Mr. Smythe, in his letter to Governor Arnall, touched up on this point as follows:

"It was this writer, and this writer alone, that organized the meeting of the Ku Klux Klan at the German-American Bund camp in the State of New Jersey and no living man can tell why that meeting was held and the motive or reason behind it other than this writer.

"What is needed is a Congressional investigation into your connection and the connection of your Attorney General with Jew-Communist organizations in New York City, and especially with the Jew-Communist outfit calling itself the Anti-Nazi League."

Mr. Duke stated that the Klan-Bund meeting was held at Andover, N. J., Aug. 18, 1940, and that at this gathering Mr. Smythe praised Fritz Kuhn as "a Christian martyr" and also said his sympathies were with the new Germany.

The Georgia suit against the Klan is expected to be called for hearing in November. The trial was scheduled to open Monday, but has been postponed on the plea of the Klan that Morgan Belser, its attorney, is ill.

'GOOD OLD SAM'

Gene Denies Dragon Toted His Chariot

The Constitution
Atlanta, Ga.
July 7-23-46

SANTA MONICA, Cal., July 20 (UP)—Cigar-smaking Eugene Talmadge, vacationing here after his recent nomination as Governor of Georgia, took a tolerant view of Ku Klux Klan activities Monday.

Talmadge drawled he didn't know enough about the Klan to decide whether he approves or disapproves of it. He said he was the "only candidate in Georgia who isn't a Klansman."

The lanky Governor nominee called a press conference at his hotel here to deny Columnist Drew Pearson's charge that he was supported by the Ku Klux Klan.

"Drew Pearson seems to know a lot more than I do about me," he said. "I am not a member of the Klan, never have been and don't expect to be."

NO SHEETS FOR GBI

Talmadge denied Pearson's broadcast charges that he had promised to appoint the Grand Cyclops of the Atlanta Klavern as head of the Georgia State Bureau of Investigation.

"I don't even know who the Cyclops of the Atlanta Klavern is and I haven't made a single commitment as to any appointments I intend to make," he said.

Informed that Pearson had quoted Dr. Samuel Green, Grand Dragon of the Klan in Atlanta, as saying all members of the Atlanta Police Commission were Klansmen, Talmadge said if Green made the statement, it must be sod.

"I'd take his word for it," he said, declaring "Good old Sam" was a fine physician and he knows him well.

JUST DOESN'T KNOW

Although insisting he didn't know enough about the Klan to give an opinion on it, Talmadge said he would "approve any good order if it is handled right."

Talmadge claimed that he did get most of the votes in the recent primary, "Eliminatin' the nigger votes." He explained he could claim with pride that no Negro voted for him "except maybe by mistake."

"I don't think the Negroes are educated enough or their civilization is old enough for them to assume the responsibility of Government," he said.

Talmadge did say, however, that "the smartest Negro in the South voted for me." He identified him as Dr. J. W. Holley, former Director of the Albany Negro College, who had advised Georgia Negroes not to vote in the election because they were being used as "tools of the Communists and Wallace."

Talmadge arrived here Saturday, registering under an assumed name at the Ambassador Hotel. Sunday he flew to Mexico for a bullfight, and the night before made a tour of night spots.

PEARSON BRAVES KLAN THREAT TO BROADCAST

Herald
Memphis, Tenn.

Arnall Presides; Hits Hate, Bigotry Of Hooded Order

Friday 7-26-46

By RUTH L. CORNELIUS

ATLANTA, GA.—(SNS)—

From the historic steps of the Georgia State Capitol, Drew Pearson, noted columnist and radio commentator delivered the long-awaited anti-Klan broadcast Sunday with approximately 2,000 persons in the visible audience.

Governor Ellis Arnall, who presented Mr. Pearson stated that there must be a crusade for tolerance and goodwill among men. He said:

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NO PLACE FOR HATE

"There is no place in Georgia or in America for a hate organization. There must be freedom from fear, bigotry, prejudice and hate Americans must fight against these evils and supplant them. Supplant hatred with love and supplant ignorance with education, to the end that all men are protected. "No where can some men be free until all men are free. First, there must be freedom in the minds and hearts of men."

Memphis Press

GLARING CONTRASTS

Mr. Pearson directed his remarks to the audience and especially to members of the Ku Klux Klan.

In his poignant attack on the hooded order Mr. Pearson drew contrasts between southern heroes and the Klan. He cited the defenders of Atlanta, Generals John Bell Hood, Joseph E. Johnston and Joseph Wheeler who fought in the open and did not do so from behind masked hoods. Because of their valor, Mr. Pearson said the whole country "proudly acclaims them."

Herald

"They had the courage to differ, but the chivalry to champion those difference not behind cowardly sheets but in the full light of day said the columnist.

THREATENING LETTERS

Mr. Pearson revealed that he had received threatening letters which challenged his right to come to Atlanta and called him a carpet-bagger, he stated.

Memphis, Tenn.

A carpet-bagger is not despised by history because his home was in the North but because of the crimes he committed against the South in the South. And his worst crime was forcibly ruling helpless people for his own ends. The old Klan of reconstruction days may have been necessary to combat the carpet-baggers But today, with duly elected governments everywhere in the South, the Klan has reversed its role of reconstruction days and now has become the modern carpet-baggers. . . The twentieth century carpet-bagger is the Ku Ku Klan," continued the radio commentator.

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COMPARED TO HITLERISM

Mr. Pearson traced the spread of Hitlerism from its inception to the stage that it affected the whole of Europe and finally engulfed the world causing the last World War. He said that Hitlerism should have been stopped at its beginning and now the same mistake must not be made here in America in regards to the Klan. He said:

"Ku Klux Klanism and all other isms which preach hate are not merely the business of the South; they are the business of the nation . . . And, as with Hitler, the time to stamp them out is now."

The columnist declared, "race no longer a common enemy cannot stand against race, minority against minority. It may be they hate each other and especially Klansmen that the weaker minorities, Gene Talmadge w

commentator cited as head of the Bureau of Investigation----According to the Grand s of cruelty and un- Cyclops, Talmadge has promised ivities of the Klan that all race problems will be left the following latest to the Klan.

Herald, p. 297, Atlanta--Grand Roper has informed Governor--elect

RALPH McGILL

The KKK's Candidate Plan

The Atlanta Constitution
Atlanta, Ga.

The KKK Committee, or as they spell it "Kommittee," is trying to get a Negro to announce for political office—for Governor or for Congress.

This is in the interests of one of the candidates for Governor. He has no part in the idea. It is the idea of this small Committee of Klansmen. Sun. 5-26-46

It is not an idea brought to the floor of the Klan Konklave. Those participating include two well-known racketeers.

From this meeting it was reported to me factually that they had gone to see a Negro who had a good character and a good record. They offered him $5,000 in cash if he would enter. They advised him they would also pay his entry fee. They then further advised that he leave town, probably to Havana, Cuba, until the "excitement" died down. They reported back that the Negro had taken it "under advisement." The Negro, reportedly, is very much upset.

Their idea was that if a Negro could be persuaded or bribed to run for office it would bolster the propaganda—which the sensible people of Georgia properly are rejecting—that the "niggers" are trying to take over politics. This is the theme of one of the candidates and they want to help him fake it.

My informant has given me the name of the Negro contacted and also the names of some of those on the Committee.

Koklan This is the way this one was worked. The Cyclops refers matters to the Kavalier Klub. The boys don't really trust one another. So, when they want further to narrow down action they refer it to the Koklan. This isn't so good either, so they have a further "secret Committee." This isn't covered by the rules and regulations, but they have it.

This time the members of the secret Committee who wanted to do this job are narrowed down some more to what, for want of other words, must be called the "secret, secret Kommittee."

They hope to persuade the Negro to take the $5,000 and qualify. They then hope this will stir up a riot or riots. Again I would like to repeat the candidate has had no part in this. He has merely said he would welcome the KKK support and they are trying to help him.

There has been discussion, before the full membership, that if some "trouble" could be stirred up nearer the time of the primary it would "help" this candidate who has solicited KKK support. No definite action has yet been taken. Similar influences are seeking where they can to find Negro dupes to "qualify" as minor candidates. This is part of the plan.

Surprise They also have been discussing a surprise or, as they call it, a "bombshell." When Imperial Wizard James Colescott replaced the genial Doc Evens, known to his friends as "the Wiz," that gentleman mailed out to a number of men about the State an unsolicited membership card already filled out. It was a sort of honorary membership. Those receiving them had never applied for membership, had never been to a meeting and had had no sort of affiliation. Some persons kept the cards. A few, even, may have affiliated themselves. Others simply threw the cards away or mailed them back. Sun. 5-26-46

But the boys have got the lists and so they are planning to fake claims of membership in the Klan. That is one of the things they are working on and talking about gleefully.

So, you may expect, any day now, charges of Klan membership to be spread around where they think it will smear.

One of the candidates for Governor is a former Klan official and another has solicited Klan support. They are anxious to distract attention from that so they will attempt, by fake charges supported by Colescott's list, well photostated, to smear some of those opposing them.

I have the confessions made by the Klansmen in 1940, at the time Ike Gaston was found flogged to death and at the time a great many other men were beaten to the point of death.

This talk of secret Committees sounds far-fetched but these confessions tell about them and so I will get around to them in a day or so.

Meanwhile, I present this factual plan of what the KKK actually has discussed and what it plans through "secret" Committees. I doubt if the Cyclops himself knows about the Negro candidate plan. They told me he knew about it "unofficially" and therefore will be able to deny it "vigorously."

I present this again as evidence that the KKK is an evil and vicious gangster-minded outfit. It cannot stay still. It must progress always toward more evil and violence. The few misguided, sincere members are left to entertain themselves with the masks and the fol-de-rol of ritual. "The boys" do the work.

Arnall Vows to Fight Ga. Klan Throughout Remainder of Term

The Afro-American
Baltimore, Md.

ATLANTA (ANP) — Gov. Ellis Arnall, who returns his liberal administration to Eugene Talmadge, the race-baiter in January, declared last week that he will continue to battle the Ku Klux Klan and the rairoads as long as he is in office.

It was the Governor's first public statement since his candidate, James V. Carmichael winner of the popular vote, was defeated by the county unit system used here. Sat. 8-3-46

SUIT FILED IN GEORGIA TO REVOKE KU KLUX KLAN CHARTER

Judge Frank A. Hooper Jr. reading the papers in Fulton Superior Court at Atlanta yesterday as Attorney General Eugene Cook (right) and Daniel Duke, Assistant Attorney General, look on.

Georgia Charges Klan Is Plotting To Overthrow the Government

Times
New York, N.Y.
Friday 6-21-46

Special to The

ATLANTA, June 20 — Accusing the Ku Klux Klan of a conspiracy to seize key governmental agencies and of employing "secret propaganda in an effort to enforce its doctrines upon the State by violence, terrorism and hate," the State of Georgia today filed quo warranto proceedings in Fulton County (Atlanta) Superior Court to revoke the hooded organization's State charter. 6-21-46

Judge Frank A. Hooper Jr., of the civil division of Fulton Superior Court, gave the Klan until 10 A. M. July 1 to show cause as to why its charter should not be revoked. If the Klan contests the suit, a jury trial can be held thirty days later. If the Klan fails to answer, Judge Hooper can rule as he sees fit. New York, N.Y.

This action came after an investigation of several weeks by State agents under the direction of Attorney General Eugene Cook and his assistant, Daniel Duke. Gov. Ellis Arnall had ordered the attorney general to take action against the Klan. 6-21-46

The petition to outlaw the Klan stated that secret State investigators discovered a tireless Klan campaign to organize police officers, cab and truck drivers so that the organization could seize control of governmental agencies charged with the protection of public security. 6-21-46

The petition further alleged that the plot was to provide quick transportation to various parts of the State.

Linking the Association of Georgia Klans with the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, against whom the suit was filed the State answered Georgia Grand Dragon Samuel Smith's denial that the association was closely connected

robes and masks were a rich source of income for the Klan, the suit charged, disclosing the allocation of the funds as follows:

That a Kleagle (organizer) has the power to establish Klan posts and that out of each Klectokon, or initiation fee, the Kleagle receives $4 and the Imperial Palace $2.50.

That a Goblin has authority to install Klan posts and that out of each initiation fee he receives $3 and the Grand Dragon $1. This di-

posts are issued in the name of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The with the chartered knights. The petition declared that the authority of all the officers of the subordinate lodges of the Georgia realm today was operat. of the powers contained in the ing seven posts, or Klaverns, of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. Kleagle receives Called Profitable Klan Is

The State further alleged that being operated for certain of its and employe profit for itself and members. Initiation fees and sale of the

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vision applies only to those members brought into the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan by the Goblin.

That the sale of all robes, masks, hoods and regalia is controlled by and purchased through the Imperial Wizard or the Grand Dragon, and that all profits resulting from the sale go to the Wizard and the Grand Dragon.

That the profits made on such a sale amount to about $3.50 for each new member joining the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

That the Klan is conducted for the purpose of gain for the Imperial Wizard, Imperial Kilgrapp, Grand Dragon, Great Titan, Genii, Hydras, Kleagles and Goblins.

That the Imperial Palace has been greatly enriched.

The State therefore urged that the charter of the Klan "be canceled, annulled, vacated and forfeited."

High Officials Are Named

Named as exercising authority under the provisions of the charter are Grand Dragon Samuel H. Green; S. W. Roper, who was head of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation under former Gov. Eugene Talmadge; B. G. Otwell and G. T. Brown.

Dr. Green was identified as Grand Dragon of the Realm of Georgia and elected or appointed to such a position by the Imperial Wizard or the supreme executive committee of the Knights of the Klan.

The petition identified Roper as Exalted Cyclops of the Oakland City Post, No. 297; Otwell as Exalted Cyclops of Post, No. 213 in East Atlanta, and Brown as Grand Titan of the Fifth Province of the Georgia Realm.

All are members of the Knights of the Klan, the petition declared.

Dr. Green, notified of the suit by news men, said he had not seen a copy, and "therefore I have no comment to make."

Aimed at National Klan

ATLANTA, June 20 (AP)—State Attorney General Eugene Cook said today that the suit filed against the Ku Klux Klan was intended to dissolve the national organization of the invisible empire.

The modern Klan was born on Stone Mountain, near here, in 1916, and through its heyday of the Twenties and its recent resurgence has operated under a Georgia charter, with Atlanta as the national headquarters.

Klan Charter Under Attack At Birth Site

Georgia Seeks To End Hooded Order In U.S.; Kentucky Plans Move

ATLANTA, June 20.—(AP)—A suit to revoke the charter of the Ku Klux Klan was filed by the State of Georgia in Superior Court here today, and State Attorney General Eugene Cook said it was intended to disclose the national organization of the invisible empire.

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Terroristic Acts

The state suit recited a long list of terroristic acts which it charged members of Klan had committed, and declared that the hooded organization was conspiring to "grab control" of the government.

Fulton County (Atlanta) Superior Court Judge Frank A. Hooper, Jr., before whom the suit was filed ordered the Klan to show cause on or before July 1 why the charter should not be revoked.

Dr. Samuel H. Green, Atlanta physician who was identified in the suit as "grand dragon of the realm of Georgia," said he had not been served with a copy and "therefore I have no comment to make."

Also named in the suit as an "exalted cyclops," was S. W. Roper, identified by Assistant Attorney General Dan Duke as an Atlanta policeman and head of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation under the administration of former Governor Eugene Talmadge.

The state declared that the Klan intended to "organize police officers, cab drivers, truck drivers and others in key positions" so that it could "seize parts of the state government charged with protection of citizens.

In support of its charges that the Klan conspired to violate life, liberty and property provisions of the state constitution, the state, in its petition, dealt at length with a "naturalization" ceremony held May 9, this year, atop Stone Mountain.

There, the state said, robed and masked Klansmen seized Robert H. Holloway, a United Press staff writer, "restrained him of his liberty and confiscated his property," and

"At such naturalization ceremony, citizens were seized, arrested and assaulted and forced to listen to a long tirade against the Jews, Catholics and Negroes by two members of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan who were not robed and masked. Both of said members were armed with black jacks and pistols."

Citizens have been suffering from illegal acts of the Klan for a number of years, the suit contended, and declared that the acts would continue unless the court revoked the charter.

Judge Hooper will determine from the Klan answer to the suit whether to order a jury trial. If the Klan files no answer, dissolution of the charter would be left to the judge.

Today's suit ended a month long investigation by cook and his assistant, Duke. The investigations was ordered by Governor Ellis Arnall, who said he had been threatened by an anymous telephone callers who identified themselves as Klansmen.

The suit to disolve the charter is the second recent court action against the Klan. On May 30, U. S. Collector of Internal Revenue Marion Allen filed suit for $685,305 in back income taxes which the government claims the Klan owes.

At that time, Green said his organization was a new "association of Georgia Klans" and not involved in the Federal suit which was directed against the Knights of the Klux Klan, Inc.

FRANKFORT, KY., June 20—(AP)—Attorney General Eldon S. Dummit said today he was studying whether to institute suit against the Knights of the Ku Kluz Klan in Kentucky.

"I have been considering for a good many days," he added, "the question of filing suit to cancel the charter of the Ku Klux Klan in Kentucky, and have been in correspondence with officials of other states.

"I always like to have my ammunition before I start a fight and for that reason I am studying the question before taking any formal steps."

Two Crosses Burned In Tennessee Town

CLEVELAND, Tenn., June 20—(AP)—Two crosses were burned in Cleveland's downtown section last night.

Residents said the first flaming cross was touched off about 10 a.m. and that the second cross was burned about 11 o'clock.

Cleveland is the home of Church of God Minister Grady R. Kent who said he was flogged by members of the Ku Klux Klan in 1939 and who has offered his services to the State of Georgia in its fight to break up the Klan in Georgia.

Veteran Lashed, Cab Driver Slain

Georgia Prosecutor to Give Cases to Jury

BOASTED OF CRIMES

Kavalier Club Termed KKK Strong-Arm Crew

By CARDELL W. M'VICKERS

ATLANTA—The brutal lashing with a rivet-studded bull whip of a 21-year-old Navy veteran and the underground lynching of a cab driver were traced straight to the door of the newly revived Ku Klux Klan here last week.

The sensational disclosures of the Klan's new campaign of terror were made by Assistant State Attorney General Dan Duke, who is in charge of Georgia's exhaustive probe of the hooded order.

Duke specifically pinned the twin acts of violence on the Kavalier Klub, the self-styled "goon squad" or "strong armed crew" of the fascist organization.

Duke told the AFRO that he had learned from confidential sources that members of the Kavalier Klub had begun boasting about the bizarre slaying of Porter F. Turner, the cab driver, during one of their meetings.

Mystery Was Unsolved

Until this information leaked out, police records had listed Turner's death as an unsolved mystery. Police records reveal that Turner's body was found in front of the home of a white DeKalb County physician early Aug. 21, 1945. He had been stabbed countless times in the chest and back.

Officers had been unable to find any money on the deceased and listed robbery as a possible motive.

The Kavalier Klub's interest in Turner was disclosed to the AFRO by a brother of the dead man, who told of an argument Turner had had with a white man at the Terminal Station where he maintained his cab stand.

The last passenger Turner is known to have hauled in his cab was a white man whom he picked up at the station the night before his body was found. His cab was discovered about 50 feet away from the scene of the slaying.

Killed with Dirk

Police theorized that Turner had been killed with either a dirk or a long trench knife such as Marines used against the Japs in the Pacific. They believe he was stabbed in the back while still in his cab and died as he attempted to escape his attacker.

Duke revealed that he was in possession of definite information which pinned the slaying to members of the Kavalier Klub.

The second act of violence, according to Duke, occurred on Feb. 13, this year, in College Park, nearby suburb, when nine men took turns in administering 52 lashes across the bared back of a Navy veteran.

No connection with the Klan had been suspected until a discussion of the beating was overheard by secret State agents during a meeting of the Kavalier Klub.

Meet in Cafe

About 25 of the Klub's 50-odd membership were in the meeting held in a cafe in southwest Atlanta, when the agent overheard two of the "goon squad" members boasting about the lashing.

One of the men, the agent said, disclosed how he had participated in the lashing party to "get revenge" because he had seen a colored soldier hit a white man while overseas.

The veteran, whose name was withheld, formerly worked as a bellhop in a downtown hotel. He said they forced him to remove his clothes and get down on his hands and knees at the deserted beating scene.

The lashing victim said he was en route home when four men in an automobile stopped him and at gunpoint forced him to get in. One of the men said, "We're going to beat the hell out of you."

Others Join Party

Two other cars joined the first and he was whisked out of town to a lonely spot, the victim said. After the beating was over, he was ordered to start walking back to Atlanta and not to dare look back. He was unable to identify the nine men.

Grand Dragon Samuel Green and Samuel Roper, formerly a member of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and now an Atlanta policemen, were seen at the Kavalier Klub meeting, the AFRO learned.

Gov. Ellis Arnall, who ordered the State law enforcement department to go into action against the Klan, revealed last week that he had received many calls from persons purporting to be members of the nefarious organization, who threatened him for his order.

The governor has given no indication that he will order a letup in the effort to rid the State of the reviving race-baiting, terrorist organization.

Green Dragon Green, who sought to laugh off the charges of terrorism, termed as "unfair" the practice of State agents penetrating inner circles of the Klan in the search for information for prosecution. He insisted, however, that a probe was welcomed.

KLAN TERRORISTS LINKED TO KILLING

Georgia Agents Report Boast of Murder—Negro Veteran of Navy Is Flogged

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

ATLANTA, June 7—The Georgia Bureau of Investigation reopened an inquiry today into a slaying near Atlanta last August after secret State agents working inside the Ku Klux Klan reported that members of Kavalier Klub, its strong-arm squad, were boasting

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Klan Fetes Talmadge At Victory Party

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By Art Shields

ATLANTA, Aug. 9.—Several hundred members of the Ku Klux Klan and its sympathizers celebrated the victory of their candidate, racist Eugene Talmadge, at a semi-secret meeting Aug. 1 at Oakland city park here the Daily Worker learned. Documentary evidence about the semi-secret meeting of the fascist hate group which took place Aug. 1, leaked out today as authorities were denying reports

Exclusive

Moral responsibility for the lynching of four Negroes in Monroe, Ga., rests on Governor-elect Talmadge and the Ku Klux Klan, Daniel Duke, Assistant Attorney General in Georgia, declared yesterday.

He said the fight against the KKK would continue despite Talmadge's election.

that early action against some of the lynchers of the four Walton Country Negroes was assured.

"I know nothing of any identification or arrests in the Walton County cases," said Gov. Arnall today in answer to a Washington Post story that three members of the mob of 20 killers had been identified.

"I have been in constant touch with Federal and State authorities working in the lynchings, and they tell me they are making slow progress."

Nevertheless, the FBI has the names of six men, identified as members of the death mob of 20. The names were turned in by Walter White, leader of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the NAACP reported earlier this week.

The Talmadge victory celebration was the first Klan meeting in Oakland City Park for a long time.

A circular invitation said in part:

"We have just won a great victory for white supremacy. At this time there should be a foregathering of native born, white gentiles, so that we can have greater fellowship among protestants. . . .

"Your klan has made rapid growth during the past three months (that is since Talmadge's campaign began), and we hope, with your assistance to more than double our membership in the next two months."

The circular was signed by "Exalted Cyclops" S. W. Roper, who is believed to be Sam Roper, an Atlanta City policeman. Sam Roper, an active Talmadge man, was branded as a klansman by Gov. Arnall's investigators this summer.

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At one klan ceremony, a state investigator reported, Roper kneeled down before Georgia Grand Dragon, Dr. Sam Green, with several other policemen, and laid his pistol at the Grand Dragon's feet.

Talmadge's KKK backers had expected 2,500 at the party. They got 350. And many of the watermelons purchased for refreshments had to be given away.

Talmadge publicly called for klan votes during his primary campaign. "I want all white Georgians to work for Talmadge. I want . . . the Ku Klux Klan," he announced in one of his first campaign declarations. And he lauded klan violence against Negroes during the reconstruction years.

He kept using the slave word "n——r" during his "white supremacy" speeches.

"I was raised among n——rs," he said in a typical speech at Millen, a landlord and sharecropping community near Brunswick, Ga., June 5.

AGREE EX-KLAN CHIEF OWES $257,763 TAXES

The New York Journal Thurs. 7/18/46

WASHINGTON, July 17 (AP)—Counsel for Hiram W. Evans of Atlanta agreed today that under a tax court ruling the former Imperial Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan owes $257,763 in Federal income taxes for the years 1937 through 1941.

New York, N. Y.

The agreement, in which the Bureau of Internal Revenue concurred, was referred to Judge Samuel B. Hill for final decision.

In making the agreement, however, Mr. Evans' attorneys stipulated that they were not waiving the right of appeal to a higher court.

The agreement was drawn up by Mr. Evans' counsel and the bureau under instructions laid down by Judge Hill in an opinion April 30. He held then that Mr. Evans was accountable for income taxes on earnings of several companies dealing in road building materials, but ruled that Mr. Evans was entitled to certain deductions for expenses and other items.

Mr. Evans paid taxes totaling $8,105.56 for the 1937-41 period. The bureau contended he should have paid $348,069.38. The difference between the amount set forth in the agreement and the Government's claim of $348,069.38 represented the deductions allowed by Judge Hill and worked out by opposing counsel.

Two Georgia Cities Said To Be Making Klan Paraphenalia

Daily World Atlanta Ga.

MACON, Ga. — (SNS) — The Georgia Legislative Council in a letter Saturday to U. S. Internal Revenue Collector Marion Allen charged that the ladies' auxiliary of the Ku Klux Klan is active here and is assisting in the manufacture of robes for the hooded order.

Tues. 9-17-46

The letter charged that a Griffin, Ga., textile mill is under contract to furnish the material for the robes which are being made by members of the Klan's auxiliary and are sold through the Grand Dragon's office. Auxiliaries are reportedly in Savannah and Atlanta.

THE MACON TELEGRAPH

Drew Pearson Didn't Help Any

The Constitution Atlanta, Ga. Thur. 7-25-46

We consider Drew Pearson's broadcast from the steps of Georgia's Capitol building Sunday evening on the Ku Klux Klan as a vulgar display of cheap theatrics.

Mr. Pearson is smart enough to know that he cannot kill the Klan in Georgia. If that much-to-be desired objective is to be attained, we who live in this State and have its welfare closest to our hearts must do the job.

We must have an enlightened public opinion which will not tolerate the vicious racket. This public opinion must be so strong that it will give full support to fearless and honest officials in prosecuting every violation by the hooded order.

But Georgia public opinion will not be enlightened to any constructive extent by Drew Pearson. Because it is human nature to resent interlopers. 7-25-46

Mr. Pearson's professional life is dependent upon exposes. He is a dealer in sensations. He uses all of the arts to shock his readers and his listeners.

But, above everything else, Mr. Pearson has a keen sense of the value of publicity. Unless he gives himself an occasional transfusion of public interest by a session of good, old-fashioned spellbinding he will cease to be a newspaper and radio asset.

Devoid of Dignity

Mr. Pearson undoubtedly would contend that his broadcast was a contribution toward enlightenment of the public. That may be true insofar as areas outside Georgia are concerned. But we believe he is misleading himself if he has any such ideas about our State—where the trouble lies and where it must be corrected.

To thousands of thoughtful Georgians it will appear that Mr. Pearson was more interested in giving himself personal publicity by airing our dirty linen than he was in helping us do a good laundry job.

We think it is the duty of newspapers and radio commentators like Mr. Pearson to inform the public of social cancers like the Klan. These ills cannot be cured unless those who suffer from them are infirmed.

But Mr. Pearson's broadcast was devoid of the dignity which should be an ingredient of news reports on such matters. There was too much suggestion of the carnival barker in his Sunday evening fluttering.

If Mr. Pearson is genuinely interested in killing the Klan in Georgia—and we believe he is—he can be of greatest help by refraining from a repetition of the melodramatic and self-promoting "medicine show" which he conducted Sunday.

Gov. Arnall's participation in the broadcast also strikes us as having been extremely ill advised.

It is proper that Georgia's Governor should investigate the Klan. We applaud him for it, admire his courage, and have not abandoned hope that he will succeed in revoking the organization's charter and making it despised as the cheap and dangerous racket which it is.

But we feel that the Governor suffered loss of dignity, even among his friends, by his unnecessary part in the cheap spectacle.

Resent Intrusion

Free American citizens resent outside intrusion in matters which are principally their own business.

This should be abundantly clear to Mr. Pearson, for he is blamed with having created at least some support for Sen. Bilbo because of his attacks.

This political truth was proved again in the results of the recent Georgia primary. An issue of intrusion was injected—whether it was a smart political move or whether it was founded on a condition is beside the point in this discussion—in the campaign. And everyone knows that there was a reaction which caused at least some to vote against the candidates whom they believed to be supported by "outside" interests.

AROUND ATLANTA

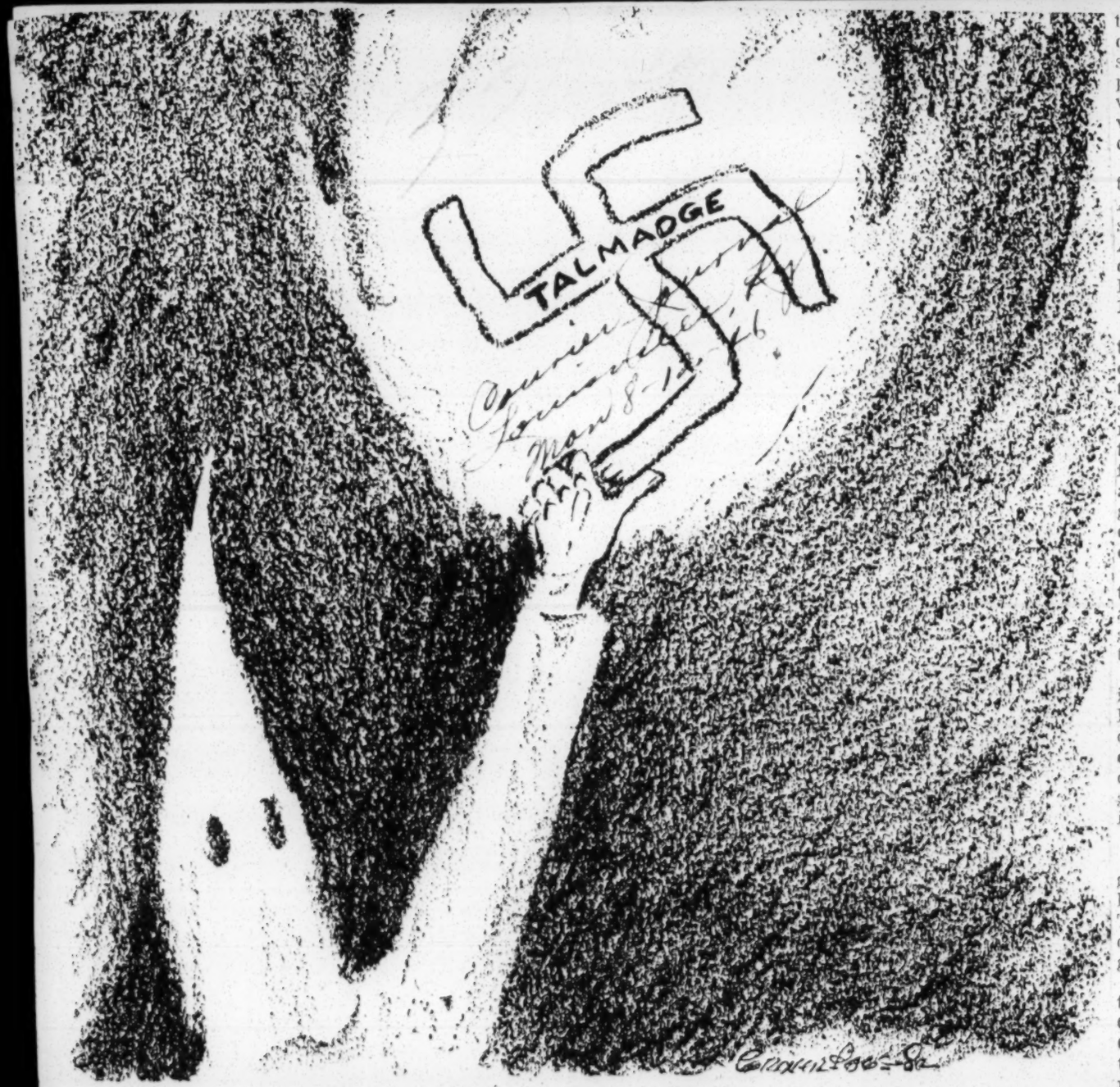
Klan 'Growing'; FBI Presses Walton Probe

Grand Dragon Samuel Green, of the Ku Klux Klan, has announced he is praying for Georgia's anti-Klan law suit and its attendant publicity because **"our membership has multiplied** tenfold in the last four months as a result of it." . . Sheriff E. S. Gordon, of Walton County, said yesterday FBI agents had fanned out into **Oconee, Morgan, Rockdale, Barrow** and **Newton Counties** in their investigation of the lynching of four Negroes in Walton County last July.

Mr. Pearson came to Georgia, got invaluable publicity, gave our State a more-than-generous helping of national notoriety—and now he's gone.

But we who are more concerned about the Klan and who are most affected by it still have the organization to combat.

And we feel that the KKK is stronger, not weaker, by reason of Mr. Pearson's interference.



Georgia's Fiery Cross

Drew Pearson

K. K. K. Cannot Be Ignored

WASHINGTON—Various people, including my somewhat worried wife, have been looking askance at my boarding the Ku Klux Klan in its home lair in Atlanta. They say I am giving the Klan too much publicity, that the Klan doesn't amount to anything, that it should be ignored.

That, of course, was what folks said about Hitler, and about the Capone gang in its infancy, and about the old Klan after the last war. Yet each developed tragic and amazing strength.

As a very young newspaper man, I remember going out to Kansas to cover the fight which William Allen White was then making against the Ku Klux Klan in his race for governor. White was one of the great leaders of the Middle West, one of the great figures of the nation. He stood for something which was truly and finely American. Yet the Klan was too strong for him. His weapon against it was homely philosophy. The Klan's weapons against him were hatred, terrorism and one of the most air-tight political organizations the nation has ever seen.

That was my first brush with the Klan.

There were many others who fought the Klan—Gov. Henry Allen, of Kansas; Gov. John M. Parker, of Louisiana; Gov. Hugh M. Dorsey, of Georgia. Dorsey reported 135 cases of lynching in Georgia in two years.

"In some counties the Negro is being driven out as though he were a wild beast," Gov. Dorsey reported. "In others he is being sold as a slave. In others no Negroes remain. In only two of the 135 cases cited is the 'usual crime'—rape—involved."

Gov. Parker, who was no carpetbagger, had to take the unusual step of appealing to federal officials to help him keep order inside Louisiana. This was in 1922, not 1870. He reported that state officials could not cope with the "horrifying crimes" of the Klan. A super-government had been created, more powerful than the state government because it was invisible. Local police were powerless.

It was impossible in some states to be elected without joining or bowing before the will of the Klan. Its membership grew in 1922 at the rate of 3,500 a day. By 1925 it had 8,904,871 members.

And yet it had mushroomed from nothing. People had laughed at it, advised that it be ignored. The Klan will die a natural death, they said. Once it got started, however, the opposite was true. It seemed nothing could stop the power of the K. K. K. Laws were passed forbidding hooded orders. The Klan was debated at the Democratic National Convention in 1924, but in the end the convention dared not go on record specifically against it.

The Klan's greatest strength lay in the fact that it was the first organization in the U. S. A. to adopt the block-by-block system of securing membership. The CIO's Political Action Committee has been credited with originating the block-by-block system, but the Klan had proved the efficiency of this system 15 years before.

Prior to the Klan, political leaders thought they were good when they organized a county or even a township. But the Klan wasted no time with such piddling methods. It sent its solicitors to every house in the block. The membership drive had a real incentive, for the solicitor got a cut on the $10 initiation fee, while the grand dragon also got his cut and the kleagle and the imperial wizard also got theirs. It was one of the wealthiest rackets ever operated in the U. S. A.—all built on hate.

With this close-knit political organization the Klan could elect almost any man to office, and, once elected, the wizards and the kleagles required just two payoffs: police protection and state contracts.

When the hooded order went out at night it expected—and got—immunity from the police. To be sure, this meant a system whereby one government operated inside another government. But that made no difference, for one was elected by the other and the elected government was usually powerless against the invisible government.

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When the imperial wizard or grand dragon gave his support to a candidate for governor, he also expected state gravy after election. That was how Imperial Wizard Hiram Evans, of Atlanta, got into trouble along with Georgia's Gov. Ed Rivers.

Everyone knows, of course, that Evans twice was indicted for his asphalt deals with Gov. Rivers—deals by which the State of Georgia purchased asphalt at $2 a ton more than paid by other Southern states. But never have the inside facts regarding the deal between the imperial wizard and the governor of Georgia leaked out.

After Rivers, himself a klansman, was elected governor of Georgia in 1936, various kluxers converged on Atlanta to seek reward. One was Walter Boussart, one-time errand boy for Will Hays, former chairman of the GOP National Committee. Boussart represented the textbook combine and was intent on selling books to the schools of Georgia through his K. K. K. friends in high office. Another who converged on Atlanta was Indiana's ex-Klan treasurer, Bob Lyons. Bob, however, was not selling anything. He was opposing Rivers' chain-store tax.

Lyons by this time had left the Klan and become national lobbyist for the chain stores—at a fee of $375,000 annually. It was up to Lyons to defeat the Georgia anti-chain-store law, and he got busy with his former fellow klansman, Gov. Rivers.

Result: Lyons found out a lot of things other than about chain stores. The other things were stumbled on by accident and included the lush asphalt sales made by the Klan's imperial wizard to the governor of Georgia at $2 more per ton than was paid by other states. Lyons, a reformed klansman, turned the information over to the proper authorities. The imperial wizard was twice indicted; got off with one mistrial, though in the other case the evidence was such that he did not contest the charge, but paid a fine of $15,000.

For some time the National Association of Manufacturers has been accusing OPA of holding up production. OPA regulations, according to the NAM, throttled industry. However, on June 20 economic reports show that business this Spring hit the highest production records in history. Corporate profits were up, everything was zooming despite OPA.

Whether or not Sen. McKellar, of Tennessee, is reelected will depend largely on whether the FBI polices the Memphis polls. The Clean Election League of Memphis is demanding such protection.—

Talmadge Abets Klan, Says Pearson

ATLANTA, July 21—(UP)—Columnist Drew Pearson, speaking above a babble of mixed cheers and jeers, tonight charged from the steps of the Georgia Capitol that Governor-Nominate Eugene Talmadge had promised to place a Ku-Klux Klan official in charge of the State Bureau of Investigation.

A crowd of several hundred stood in a light rain to hear the Washington columnist attack the Klan as a "hate organization" and charge that Talmadge had promised a KKK grand cIclops that "all race problems will be left up to the Klan."

Pearson was frequently heckled, and his charge that Talmadge planned to appoint Grand Cyclops Sam Roper, of Klavern 297, in Atlanta, to head the Georgia investigation bureau, drew cheers.

Presented by Arnall

The columnist was introduced by Governor Ellis Arnall, Georgia's liberal chief executive, who has entered a legal suit to revoke the newly revived klan's charter in Georgia. Arnall had invited Pearson to use the capitol grounds for his broadcast.

Pearson said Talmadge had been elected "with the help of the klan" in last week's Georgia primary.

In his introduction, Arnall called Pearson a "valiant crusader for truth, tolerance, understanding and good will among men," and declared "there is no place in Georgia, there is no place in America for hate organizations. We must have an America free from bigotry, free from prejudice and free from hatred."

Arnall drew cheers from the crowd, but later, there were frequent yells of "hooray for Gene," and "we want Talmadge."

Pearson said "elections in Georgia are your problem, and elections in Maryland are my problem."

"But hatred in any State is a national problem."

Declared the Klan was pursuing the same "hate principles" that marked the rise of Hitlerism in Germany.

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Arnall, U. S. Revenue Collector Spur War Against Georgia Klan

Gov. Arnall's war against the Ku Klux Klan swung into high gear yesterday when he officially directed Atty. Gen. Eugene Cook to bring quo warranto proceedings against the Klan in an effort to revoke its charter in Georgia.

According to the information submitted to him by Cook, Gov. Arnall held the Klan's charter could be revoked on a number of grounds. Foremost of these was violation of its non-profit charter.

Arnall said the Klan had been found to be operating for profit by the U. S. Treasury Department. An assessment of some $700,000 in Federal taxes for the period 1915-1941, is outstanding, he said.

Substantiating Arnall's statement was that Marion Allen, Collector of Internal Revenue, filed suit against the hooded order to recover $685,305 in back income taxes the Government charges is due.

Arnall also said that the case was now out of his hands and would be handled by the courts.

Referring to the threatening calls in connection with the Klan activities Arnall laughed it off, saying, "It is utterly silly to me that grown men dressed up as ghosts should go around threatening people."

He said he received the last threat, by phone, May 23.

WHO WILL DEFEND

"I'm not a candidate for Governor," Arnall said. But it will be interesting to see who undertakes the defense of the Klan and whether any candidate for Governor would be among those defending it, he continued.

Reiterating that he had never been connected with the Ku Klux Klan in any way, Arnall said in his letter to Cook that if action in the courts is unavailing, it may be necessary to convoke the General Assembly in extraordinary session to "de-hood" the Klan and prohibit activities which the General Assembly might determine to be detrimental to the public good.

At the first conference between the members of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the State Department of Law to discuss plans and strategy for investigating the Klan yesterday, Atty. Gen. Cook issued the following statement:

"I shall comply with the directions of Gov. Arnall to bring quo warranto proceedings as soon as the Georgia Bureau of Investigation furnishes me with sufficient evidence upon which to base such a suit.

LIMIT OF LAW

"The law limits the investigative authority of the Attorney General to cases involving corporations and persons doing business with the State Government. The Ku Klux Klan does not come within that class of cases. However, the law department will cooperate 100 percent with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation in order to ascertain the relevancy of the evidence disclosed from fair investigation.

"It is my hope that we will be able to bring the proceedings as soon as I return from New York where I will be engaged in the trial of Georgia's freight rate case. We will resume trial of the freight rate case June 4 and I am unable to determine at this time how much of my time will be demanded by it."

Atty. Gen. Cook and Asst. Atty. Gen. Claude Shaw left yesterday for Washington where they will join members of the Department of Justice who have assisted in securing evidence for the freight rate suit.

Meanwhile, Dr. Samuel Green, Georgia Grand Dragon for the Klan, said the only answer he had to Gov. Arnall's statement at this time was, "I am not entering into any controversey between Klansmen and ex-Klansmen."

"I extend to the Attorney General of Georgia and his agents, the same full co-operation, that I offered the Federal Government, in any investigation they may see fit to make."

Duke Gets Help In Klan Fight

Claude Shaw and Cleburne Gregory, Assistant ttorneys General, have been assigned to aid Dan Duke in the prosecution of the State of Georgia's case against the Ku Klux Kuan, Atty. Gen. Eugene Cook announced yesterday.

The two members of the Law Department were assigned to assist Duke, also an Assistant Attorney General, in order that the case may be prosecuted even after Duke's resignation in January.

Duke previously said he would resign when Eugene Talmadge becomes Governor. Georgia's suit to nulify the Klan charter is scheduled to begin in Fulton Superior Court in November. Appeals from the lower court's decision would not permit final action on the case during the Arnall administration.

Georgia Goes After Klan In Court, Citing Some of Its Terroristic Acts

Claims Plot Against State

Atlanta, June 20 (AP)—A suit to revoke the charter of the Ku Klux Klan was filed by the State of Georgia in Superior Court here today. State Attorney General Eugene Cook said it was intended to dissolve the national organization of the Invisible Empire.

The modern Klan was born on Stone Mountain near here in 1916, and through its heyday of the 20's and its recent resurgence has operated under a Georgia charter with Atlanta as the national headquarters.

The State suit recited a long list of terroristic acts which it charged members of the Klan had committed, and declared that the hooded organization was conspiring to "grab control" of the Government.

Klan Given Till July 1.

Judge Frank A. Hooper, Jr., of Fulton County (Atlanta) Superior Court, before whom the suit was filed, ordered the Klan to show cause on or before July 1 why the charter should not be revoked.

Dr. Samuel H. Green, Atlanta physician who was identified in the suit as "grand dragon of the realf of Georgia," said he had not been served with a copy and "Therefore I have no comment to make."

Also named in the suit, as an "exalted cyclops," was S. W. Roper, identified by assistant Attorney General Dan Duke as an Atlanta policeman and head of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation under the Administration of former Governor Eugene Talmadge.

The State declared that the Klan intended to "organize police officers, cab drivers, truck drivers and others in key positions" so that it could "seize" parts of the State Government charged with protection of citizens.

In support of its charges that the Klan conspired to violate life, liberty and property provisions of the State Constitution, the State, in its petition, dealt at length with a "naturalization" ceremony held May 9, this year, atop Stone Mountain.

There, the State said, robed and masked Klansmen seized Robert H. Holloway, a United Press staff writer carrying his own camera, "restrained him of his liberty and confiscated his property."

"At such naturalization ceremony," the State continued, "citizens were seized, arrested and assaulted and forced to listen to a long tirade against the Jews, Catholics and Negroes by two members of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan who were not robed and masked. Both of said members were armed with blackjacks and pistols."

Judge Hooper will determine from the Klan answer to the suit whether to order a jury trial. If the Klan files no answer, dissolution of the charter would be left to the judge.

Today's suit ended a month-long investigation by Cook and his assistant, Duke. The investigation was ordered by Governor Ellis Arnall.

Klan Chief's Counsel Agrees on Tax Ruling

WASHINGTON, July 17—(AP)—Counsel for Hiram W. Evans, of Atlanta, Ga., agreed today that under a Tax Court ruling the former imperial wizard of the Ku Klux Klan owes $257,763.27 in Federal income taxes for the years 1937 through 1941.

The agreement, in which the Bureau of Internal Revenue concurred, was referred to Tax Court Judge Samuel B. Hill for final decision—which court attaches said "will be a matter of routine approval."

In making the agreement, however, Evans' attorneys stipulated that they were not waiving the right of appeal to a higher court.

Ministers Laud Governor Arnall's Ku Klux Crusade

HAMPTON INSTITUTE—(SNS) Resolutions commending Governor Ellis S. Arnall of Georgia for his stand in regard to the Ku Klux Klan and commending Secretary of State James F. Byrnes for his effort in calling the July 15 Peace Conference, were passed at Hampton Institute last Friday (June 28) at the closing session of the 31st annual Conference for Ministers and Religious Leaders, held at the college June 24 to June 28.

The 414 delegates to the conference also urged passage of the Wagner-Ellender-Taft Bill and restated their position on the manufacture, sale, and distribution of intoxicating liquors, in their resolutions, which also extended the thanks to participants in the four-day program and to Hampton Institute, sponsor of the conference.

Re-elected as officers of the conference for the coming year were: Harvey N. Johnson, D. D., of Portsmouth, president; John W. Lemon, D. D. of Ark. Va., recording secretary; Samille A. Chazeand of Hampton Institute, executive secretary; Samille A. Chazeaud of Richmond, Va., treasurer.

Georgia Klan Rolls Grow

Women Join Night-Shirt Ranks, Link Georgia Seeks Between Bund and Klan

While New York Grand Dragon Samuel Green of the Ku Klux Klan in the State, the female part of the anti-Semitic organization has started to grow in the South.

Late last week, on Stone Mountain, scene of the Klan's rebirth close to Atlanta, 1,000 of the white-hooded members (both men and women) burned fiery crosses while approximately 1,000 others looked on.

Clustered buses brought Klansmen from other states, traffic police worked nightly, unraveling heavy traffic that wound up to the meeting place, and several hundred new members were inducted into the order.

THE PULSE OF THE PUBLIC

Inconsistent Policy

Editor Constitution: It seems most inconsistent in policy for The Constitution, which only the other day dealt the Ku Klux Klan such a well-deserved lambasting in Mr. McGill's column, to run an advertisement in the May 9 issue for the meeting atop Stone Mountain, even including a picture of a mounted Klansman under the regular feature, "Lodge Notices."

If a convention of race-baiting, Nazified hoodlums can be referred to as a "lodge meeting," then I apologize. Otherwise, I believe your acceptance of this paid notice is an affront to decent, law-abiding citizens and fraternal organizations.

GEORGE A. WHITE.
Box 363, Route 10.

(Editor's Note: The ad referred to should not have been accepted as it appeared and will not be so accepted again. But, since the KKK is chartered by the State of Georgia, its ads, if signed by a secretary, will be carried so long as the State of Georgia permits the chartering of an organization which The Constitution regards as dangerous to peace and order, to government and to decency.)

Klan in Dalton

Editor Constitution: May I congratulate Ralph McGill on his excellent column, "A Sucker Gets on the Phone." It is one of the best articles that I have read concerning the Ku Klux Klan. This proves that there is someone left who will try to stamp out this newly formed organization which has already shown its yellow colors.

Mr. McGill stated in his editorial that the Klan is dangerous to small communities. Not dangerous to the people themselves, but to the Klansmen who try to appear dangerous. I come from a small community, Dalton, and I am ashamed to say that there is a Klan organization in operation there. This Klan is typical of the Klans that Mr. McGill described in his editorial, composed of preachers, thugs, bootleggs, etc. This Klan seems to have a big mission in Dalton. Their purpose seems to be in stamping out the innocent boys and girls who are caught out at night for "parking." Some of their treatment in brutality has already been known. Several of the girls have had their hair cut. Boys have been beat up. This might seem proper to some of the people, but when the boys and girls have no place at all to go at night, with the exception of the movies, what other alternative have they? If the Klan is trying to make Dalton a better community, why can't they build a club of some sort for their youth instead of trailing around in white night-gowns and flour sacks, making themselves stupid-looking instead of fearful.

There is a police force in Dalton, also a sheriff and several deputies. What I can't figure out is why there can't be some kind of prevention of these happenings.

I only hope that people like Mr. McGill keep on with the campaign against this Ku Klux Klan and show these members how stupid, ignorant and un-Christian their methods are. I doubt very much if any of the members of the Klan has ever been in service. If so, I can't understand how an ex-serviceman could stoop to tricks that low.

ROBERT C. HARDEN.
Athens.

Grand Dragon's Statement

Editor Constitution: Last week Dr. Samuel Green, Grand Dragon of the KKK, made the following significant statement: "We did not function during the war because the Klan believed that was no time for DIVISIONS among us. It was a time for everybody in America, regardless of race, creed or anything else, to work together and win the war."

If it took all of us, working together, fighting together, and dying together to win the war, doesn't it seem logical that this is the prescription with which to win the peace, a much harder task? Didn't we fight the war so that we might have a chance to secure a peace in which liberty, equality, and justice prevailed—the only kind of peace that will endure.

It is obvious from Dr. Green's admission, that the KKK is endeavoring to create DIVISIONS in America by spreading hate, terror, and misunderstanding—the very antithesis of the requirements for peace. The result of such actions is to set one group against another, make us easy prey for the vicious propaganda of fascist-minded individuals, and to pave the path to war.

S. JAFFE.

Grand Dragon Says Gov. Arnall Has Been Klansman Since 1942

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. —(ANP)— Dr. Samuel Green, grand dragon of the Ku Klux Klan, following a Labor Day initiation which drew 1,200 klansmen to Maryville, Tenn., charged that despite denials, Gov. Ellis Arnall of Atlanta had been a member of the klan since 1942.

Green asserted that the defeat of Arnall's candidate for governor of Georgia by Gene Talmadge was the result of his opposition to the KKK and that the opposition to the klan in Georgia and the threats to revoke the charter were purely political moves.

THE PULSE OF THE PUBLIC

Ex-Klansman

Editor Constitution: I was a member of the KKK for a short time in the 20s. Strange to say, this club was instigated by the then Solicitor General of the Rome Circuit. He got the men together and told them that he could not have his name show on the roll because of his office but that he was in sympathy with it.

We applied for a charter and collected $600, which was turned over to a representative of the Klan in Atlanta. He claimed that he was robbed on his way back to Atlanta and I was appointed to go to Atlanta and see why we did not get the charter.

I went down to Atlanta on Labor Day and went to the office in the Flatiron Building. It seemed deserted, so I sat down in a corner of the room to wait. After a while two men came in and went into an adjoining room, without seeing me.

I could not help hearing their conversation and what I heard convinced me that I was in the wrong crowd, so I came back to Summerville and reported what I had heard, and we never had another meeting.

I am with you to keep this thing out of our State.

(Name withheld for personal reasons.)
Summerville, Ga.

Down With Ochlocracy

Editor Constitution: The Georgians now take pride in the fact that our very capable and able Gov. Arnall has taken steps to eradicate the KKK and its attendant evils here in our beloved State. It should not only be driven out of our own State but should be driven to national extinction. We sent our sons overseas to bring to justice the SS and Gestapo—sister organizations of the KKK. It only stands to reason then, that the head of this snake-like clan must be chopped off now. These hooded cowards in human form must go: for Georgians will no longer allow their deeds to blacken the pages of this State's history. The clouds of ignorance and superstition cannot be permitted to shroud in gloom the beacon light of knowledge. Oppression and persecution have sought for ages to grind from the face of man the image of his Maker.

Yes, Gov. Arnall has brought great progress to Georgia and his protege (Carmichael) has committed himself to carry on. With this progress in Georgia has come a wider, fuller, higher and nobler conception and realization of man's duties toward his fellow men. The question with which the guilty Cain sought to stifle the accusing voice of his brother's blood has been answered in the affirmative, and man has come to understand that he is to some extent his "brother's keeper."

I say, "Down with ochlocracy, down with the Klan, and up, up, up with democracy." Let us continue to extend it to all of our worthy citizens. More power to Gov. Arnall.

J. ROBERT WILLIAMS.
Atlanta.

GEORGIA EDITORS SAY:

APPLAUSE FOR JUDGE GRAHAM

(Macon Telegraph)

One of the speakers at the home-coming celebration for Eugene Talmadge at McRae Friday night was Judge Eschol Graham, of the Oconee Judicial Circuit.

The purpose of this editorial is to give verbal applause to Judge Graham for remarks which were timely and which clearly demonstrated his sound judgment on an important problem in Georgia at this particular time.

Judge Graham stated in effect that there is no place in our State for government or law enforcement by invisible groups.

Unless we are wrong, the good judge was saying that we must depend upon constituted authority, including all sheriffs and police and not upon the whims of irresponsible men who constitute the invisible empire of such vigilante organizations as the Ku Klux Klan to handle our problems.

It is comforting to hear such words from the venerable jurist who has long been a supporter of Eugene Talmadge and who is enthusiastic over his success in the recent campaign.

We hope that there are many others among Mr. Talmadge's close friends and advisers who will exercise such sound judgment on this and on other matters. We hope, too, that Gov. Talmadge will be disposed to heed the good advice.

GEORGIA EDITORS SAY:

HERE'S A BOUQUET FOR GENE

(Macon News)

Governor-elect Eugene Talmadge is resting in California after the strenuous campaign. He is accompanied by his daughter, Interviewed by an Associated Press representative, Mr. Talmadge was asked if it was true that he would appoint the Grand Cyclops of the Atlanta Klan to the post of chief of the Georgia State Bureau of Investigation, Mr. Talmadge replied:

"I do not even know who the Grand Cyclops of the Atlanta Klavern is. I do not know even who the Grand Kleagle of the Ku Klux Klan is. I am not a member of the Klan, never have been a member and don't ever expect to be."

Congratulations to you, Mr. Talmadge.

A Calamity Strikes Us

Editor Constitution: I have been thinking about that speech which Drew Pearson made. Without doubt it did much more harm than good. Very few private individuals can go to the neighbor's house, no matter by whom invited, and there tell the family how it should behave itself. The Atlanta people and all Southerners must have been somewhat hostile to Pearson from the start. And his talk was not that of a wise man. He went out of his way to bring up memories of the Civil War and the invasion and subjugation of Atlanta and Georgia. Northern people are very willing to allow such incidents to rest in peace.

But Pearson mentioned them in order to praise the leaders of the Confederacy and thus to flatter his immediate audience. It was, of course, as patronizing as it was flattering: it was crude. But it also antagonized Northern listeners who insist that history has condemned the rebellion, and that its officers and agents, however gallant, should never be praised. Pearson gave away his case against Ku Klux when he admitted that the post-Civil War Kluxers were somewhat justified by the misconduct of Northern carpetbaggers. That line of reasoning would also justify extra-legal horse-whipping of misbehaving Negroes and Northern busybodies today. Through State courts and the county officers the evils of the carpetbag era should have been corrected: not by night riders; not by secret societies.

The Ku Klux of 1920-1930 originated in the South and spread northward to Canada, where the Canadian Government promptly announced it would jail everyone attempting to organize it. It captured the Republican Party in Indiana and both major parties in Kansas. Its leaders proved to be a pack of cheap scoundrels in both states. Today the name "Ku Klux" is anathema in every Northern state. And the Northern states are in charge of the Nation. The very evident devotion of many Georgians to the Ku Klux, demonstrated by Pearson's Atlanta audience, has deepened Northern distrust of the South. A calamity for all of us.

There should be, permit me to suggest, a Southern weekly published (I would think) in the deep South between East and West, which would speak for the Southern people.

Sincerely,
Los Angeles.

Georgia Governor Is Klan Member, Says Grand Dragon

ATLANTA, July 1—(AP)—Dr. Samuel Green, grand dragon of the Ku Klux Klan operating in Georgia, charged today that Governor Ellis Arnall held membership in his organization.

Arnall said last month that he had never been a member.

The Atlanta Journal quoted Green as saying Arnall "told me personally that he had a membership card in the Klan," and said that he was going to support Ellis in office and said that he was going to have Ellis' name on the card "could verify it."

Green continued:

"Ellis told me himself he had charter of Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and I suppose a card, and Jim Colescott (Miami) is entitled to Klan an answer to the State's suit file an application for Governor-elect veterinarian and imperial wizard for revocation of the charter. ran for Governor of Georgia, and all this hulla-baloo is the result."

He referred to the Atlanta Klan, which Green says is a separate organization from the Atlanta Knights of Ku Klux Klan, Inc.) showed me a gold card in my name on the card could verify it."

Green added that he had a gold life-membership card in the Klan and "Ellis told me himself he had not support when the State's suit was filed. He referred name put on it. I also know the

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KKK (Georgia)

Voices from the New South

U. S. Hands Over Data To State Klan Fighters

The Constitution
Atlanta, Ga. Thurs. 9-26-46

By LORRAINE NELSON

The Department of Justice, upon order of President Truman, will make available to Georgia all information in its possession which will be of help in this State's efforts to revoke the charter of the Ku Klux Klan.

This was revealed yesterday by State Asst. Atty. Gen. Daniel Duke, who has been gathering evidence in the suit against the hooded order, through a letter to Gov. Arnall from President Truman.

Arnall recently asked the Nation's Chief Executive to permit the Justice Department to open its Klan files to this State, including all data it has to substantiate the alleged link between the Klan, the German Bund and other similar organizations as fronts through which the Deutscher Ausland Institut channeled its propaganda of psychological warfare into the United States, prior to World War II.

The President said the Justice Department has "various information regarding the activities of the Ku Klux Klan," and this information, the Department "will be glad (to make) available to you."

"The Attorney General (Tom Clark)," he wrote, "advises me that over a period of time, the Department of Justice has received and now has in its files various information regarding the activities of the Ku Klux Klan. In the event any of this material is determined to be useful in connection with the prosecution of the suit to which you have referred, the Attorney General will be glad to make it available to you for that purpose."

The President noted in another paragraph of the letter that "where any information has been received by the Department of Justice from a confidential source, the Department will not be able to disclose such source."

State Atty. Gen. Eugene Cook and Duke will visit Washington soon to arrange with Atty. Gen. Clark for release of the Klan information to Georgia. The Constitution

In his letter to the President, Arnall offered to exchange Klan evidence with the Department of Justice, should the latter lack certain facts which are in possession of the State's Law Department.

"Your offer," President Truman replied, "to furnish the Department of Justice with information regarding the Ku Klux Klan in your possession is greatly appreciated both by myself and the Attorney General." Atlanta, Ga

He added: "I want you to know that I appreciate very much the views expressed in your letter and I am heartily in sympathy with the vigorous efforts which you have been making, and are making, against all religious intolerance and racial hatred."

Proceedings in the nature of quo warranto are now pending in the Fulton County Superior Court to invalidate the Klan's national charter. Illness of the Klan's attorney, Morgan Belser, has postponed a hearing in the suit until an indefinite date. Thurs. 9-26-46

Arnall Blisters Klan In Membership Denial

Atlanta Constitution
Atlanta, Ga.

In a blistering statement accusing the Ku Klux Klan of perjury, blackmail and fraud, Gov Arnall yesterday emphatically denied an allegation made earlier in the day by Grand Dragon Samuel Green that the Georgia Governor had been a fellow Klansman.

"The Klan has been threatening me practically every day for the past six months," the Governor said. "I don't suppose they mind adding a little perjury, blackmail or fraud to murder and other crimes of which they're guilty."

Arnall's statement followed a claim by Green that Arnall, himself, had told Green he had a membership card in the Ku Klux Klan. Green charged the State's vigorous campaign to take away the Klan's charter was "without cause, to satisfy a politician's grudge" because the Klan did not support Arnall during his campaign for the Governorship.

"I've never met Green in my life," the Governor stated. "I've heard, though, that he's been rolling a bitter pill for me for some time. 9-27-46

"I don't know quite what to say except to deny emphatically, and implicitly any statement that I am a member of the Ku Klux Klan," the Governor continued.

"Nothing the Klan says will stop us from taking away its charter." (The Klan has until July 10 to file an answer to the State's suit for revocation of its charter.)

Grand Dragon Green, who insists that the Association of Georgia Klans, of which he claims leadership, has no connection with the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, headed by Imperial Wizard James Colescott, had said earlier:

"Jim Colescott showed me a gold card in my office and said he was going to the engravers to have Ellis' name put on it. I also know the Atlanta attorney who witnessed the presentation, and I suppose the Atlanta engraver who put Ellis' name on the card could verify it." 7-2-46

'Free America from Prejudice'--Arnall

The Courier Pittsburgh, Pa.
Sat. 7-27-46

ATLANTA, Ga.—"There is no place in Georgia, there is no place in America, for hate organizations. We must have an America free from bigotry, free from prejudice, and free from hatred."

Thus spoke liberal Ellis Arnall, Governor of Georgia, on the State Capitol steps when he introduced Drew Pearson, who, a moment later, referred to him as "one of the greatest Governors in the United States."

SIGNIFICANT APPEARANCE

For Pearson to be introduced by Governor Arnall was significant. The Georgia chief executive has already had his State legal department file suit to revoke the Ku Klux Klan's charter.

But for Arnall to directly participate in an attack on the Klan . . . by a Northerner . . . and in the South, too . . . serves as a better-than-average indication that he, and his liberal Southern friends do not resent—as much as one would be led to believe—the assistance of men and women of goodwill from the North in the fight to leave the Klan "stone cold dead" in Stone Mountain.

CROWD OF 2,000

At the Sunday meeting, a crowd estimated at 2,000 was interspersed with numerous State patrolmen and police.

Governor Arnall will be succeeded in office by Gene Talmadge, champion of "white supremacy," who was nominated in last week's Democratic primary.

Georgia Speeds Efforts To Revoke Klan's Charter

The Courier-Journal
Louisville, Ky. Sun. 11-10-46

By the Associated Press.

Atlanta, Nov. 9.—The outgoing Administration of Governor Ellis Arnall raced against time today to smash the corporate entity of the Ku Klux Klan in Georgia before inauguration of Governor-elect Eugene Talmadge.

Assistant Attorney General Daniel Duke, who successfully prosecuted Klan flogging cases three years ago, filed new charges in Fulton (Atlanta) Superior Court. In them the State alleges the Klan sought to merge with the German-American Bund in 1940 in one racially supreme "all-Aryan" organization, and charges the Klan even now of trying to co-ordinate activities of anti-Jewish, anti-Negro, and anti-Catholic groups.

'Will Push This to Limit.'

Duke, filing the allegations as an amended petition to revoke the Klan's charter as a "charitable and benevolent organization," declared:

"The State of Georgia will push this to the limit. Let Talmadge take personal responsibility for dismissing the suit."

Talmadge, who takes office next January, publicly announced several weeks ago that he would order the suit dropped.

Meanwhile, Duke acknowledged receipt of an envelope containing soiled scraps of a similar charter issued to Columbians, Inc., an avowed anti-Negro, anti-Semitic group in Atlanta. Leaders of the Columbians tore up the charter after being summoned to show cause in Superior Court November 15 why they should not be deprived of it.

5 Charges Listed.

The amended petition against the Klan, which will be heard November 25, alleges:

1. The Klan made "a definite planned effort" in 1940 to combine Klan and German-American Bund into one organization.

2. Eugene Sanctuary, openly acknowledged by the German Ministry of Propaganda as one of its most dependable allies in America," is publisher and co-author of the Klan's official history and handbook.

3. During 1934-1936 there were many instances of informal local mergers of Klan and silver-shirt groups, the latter being a semi-military secret society patterned on the Nazi Storm Troopers, and operating in close relationship with the Nazi Party.

4. Edward James Smythe, founder of the Protestant War Veterans and Protestant Chaplain Association, was active for years both in Klan and Nazi Bundist circles, and continues to work with New Jersey klansmen. Smythe "was collecting money for use in such work within the past 60 days." The Courier Journ

Cites Continental League.

5. Other relations now are developing between the Klan and Gerald L. K. Smith and his associates, a current example being the Klan-front organization called the Continental League for Christian Freedom headed by Millard Grubbs of Louisville.

Louisville, Ky.

The petition charges the Klan with encouraging the organization of ultranationalist, anti-Semitic and anti-Negro veterans' groups, and with substituting "its whim for law and order."

In conclusion the State charges: "the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, through its officials, agents, and members, have committed crimes against society. . . ."

Regarding Grubbs and the Continental League for Christian Freedom, the petition says:

"This organization is attempting primarily to recruit veterans along violently anti-Semitic, anti-Catholic and anti-Negro lines.

Grubbs Denies Charges.

"Grubbs also is an active organizer for the Klan in Kentucky. Grubbs has been associated in 'soft-paece' agitation with the well-known German agent, Ernest Elmhurst, who was until recently in prison in New York."

(Millard D. Grubbs, 57, of 1427 S. Sixth, has denied the charges, and describes his league as "an organization to disseminate literature in defense of the Constitution and the Christian religion."

("We don't approve of lynching, racial discrimination, or anyone who wears a mask or hood," he said. "The league has never been affiliated with the Klan, and no Klan member has ever spoken before league members.")

League Has 2,000 Here.

(Sample literature submitted by Grubbs condemned the New Deal, joint British-Russian-American occupation plans in Germany, and ex-Treasury Secretary Henry Morganthau's "get-tough" policy regarding the Germans.)

"By mandate of his lordship.

"THE IMPERIAL WIZARD."

As a result of this summons, special K. K. K. meetings have been held in Atlanta, attended by more than the usual number of klansmen. Two questions have been discussed: What strategy to adopt for the Atlanta visit of this columnist on July 21; and raising funds to hire lawyers to prevent revocation of the Klan's charter.

At the instruction of hard-hitting Gov. Ellis Arnall, Georgia's Attorney General Eugene

The summons is one a piece of paper about as big as a police summons. In the background is the red figure of a hooded klansman, and under the heading, "Solemn Summons of the Fiery Cross," appears the following message:

"You are hereby seriously summoned to be and appear at an extraordinary klonklave. Nothing but a providential hindrance can legally justify your failure to be present. Duty, with all the justice of her unquestionable authority, calls. The call is imperative!

Drew Pearson

K. K. K. Issues 'Fiery Summons'

WASHINGTON—The Ku Klux Klan has just issued a "fiery summons" to all klansmen in Atlanta demanding that members meet immediately in extraordinary konklave.

Cook has brought an action against the Klan to revoke its charter. Also at the instance of Gov. Arnall, this columnist will deliver a radio broadcast from the steps of the state capitol on Sunday.

Hooded Men Stone Dixie Hills Bus

Daily World Atlanta, Ga.
Wed. 8-28-46

Well draped in white hoods, typical regalia of the Ku Klux Klan, three men stood on a vacant lot near the corner of Simpson Road and West Lake Avenue, around eight o'clock. Sunday night, and threw two large rocks at the Dixie Hills Bus.

The first rock hit the outside of the bus and bounced off, but the second came inside and hit Miss Alma Minter, one of the passengers on the back of the head, the injury requiring medical attention.

HOODED MEN RAN

The driver stopped the bus immediately to see what was happening, but the hooded men ran up West Lake Avenue and disappeared. The bus was going west on Simpson, and had just crossed West Lake when the men, standing near a tree threw the rocks. A black cord was tied to the rock that landed inside of the bus.

The incident was reported to Officers Clay and Kerr of the Fulton County Police Department, who answered a call to 2055 Simpson Road. Their report which was filed at the Fulton County Police Department was based on their interview with John Moore, of 244 Newport St, N. W., driver of the bus.

The police report did not mention the masks, but The Atlanta Daily World learned from authentic sources that the men were definitely hooded.

FIRST INCIDENT

Fred Cox, of 343 Chestnut St., N. W. was listed as the owner of the Dixie Hills Bus line, and the Atlanta World learned Tuesday that the company has been operating out Simpson as far as the New Lincoln Golf and Country Club for about five years. This is the first incident of this kind.

Daily World

The Dixie Hills community is thickly populated and two buses operate on regular schedule during the rush hours to make it possible for the people in this vicinity to commute to their jobs in the city.

Atlanta, Ga. Wed 8-28-46

Pearson's Visit To Atlanta

Birmingham News

Drew Pearson's anti-Klan speech made from the steps of the Georgia Capitol on Sunday was a spectacular defiance of bigotry in its own lair. But it is doubtful if it did any good. Mr. Pearson had advertised it well in advance. He had received threatening notes, he said, warning him not to come to Georgia, and he had printed a statement that his wife feared for his personal safety. But he came, said his announcer, unarmed except with the power of truth, and he lambasted right manfully the cowardly tactics that the Klan always displays.

He spoke in the open before a couple of thousand people who had gathered for the show. The crowd intermittently booed and cheered. Its antics were not good advertising for the South. Just what Pearson expected, we do not, of course, know. But he was unharmed, and presumably he has gone back to Washington all in one piece.

The action of Gov. Arnall in introducing him and standing beside him while he spoke was, in our opinion, a far braver thing to do. Arnall has been outspoken in his opposition to the Klan. He has lived in Georgia and moved about the streets of Atlanta ever since he started his fight. He will stay on in the city and face the hoods of the Klansmen as long as they appear before him. For he is of the South; he is a part of the State of Georgia, and his hostility to everything the Klan stands for will be far more important to its inevitable dissolution than all that Pearson and other outsiders can ever hope to do.

Tue. 7-23-46

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The problem of the Klan, while it affects the whole nation, is peculiarly the South's. That the Klan will be stamped out eventually goes without saying. But the heaviest foot to be placed upon its neck must belong to the South. For the South's pride has been hurt, and it is imperative that Southerners redeem themselves before the nation. So it is up to Southern governors, like Arnall, and Southern newspapers to take the initiative and then press the matter to a conclusion.

Birmingham News

The South is historically sensitive about working out its own problems. For that reason it was not unexpected that when Pearson said that Georgian politics were not his business, someone in the crowd shouted loudly enough to be heard over the microphone, "Why don't you go back where you belong?" While such a statement is inconsistent with the South's reputation for hospitality, it does illustrate a widespread point of view. Help may be valuable, but it is our duty to make the first and the strongest move.

Bilbo and Rankin have been reelected. Many of their supporters represent the Klan mentality. Persistent stories from Georgia hold that Talmadge will allow the Klan to assume police functions in supporting his theories of white supremacy. These are disquieting considerations; they should disturb every intelligent citizen below the Ohio River.

Tue 7-23-46

So, while we do not disparage Pearson's personal bravery or resent his good intentions in coming to the South to make his speech, we do question the benefit he may have done the cause.

Drew Pearson Beats The K.K.K. In Its Klavern

Courier-Journal

DREW PEARSON put on a good show, which we can't but suspect was one of the motives, in speaking his public piece about the Ku Klux Klan in Atlanta, the very cradle of the Klan. But he must have come away from his broadcast, there on the steps of Georgia's State Capitol, confirmed in the idea that the Klan is a bold and defiant thing, hard to cope with.

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Anybody who heard the broadcast, along with the offstage boos and derisive clatter, could have caught the idea. It was plain enough in the public demonstration, and its frank avowal that Klansmen were present and militant, that if the K.K.K. is destroyed it won't be by talking it to death. Its champions shout vengefully even while its enemies are talking. That's the way it was Sunday evening in Atlanta.

For the Ku Klux Klan is a state and condition of mind before it is a formal organization. Governor ARNALL, introducing the commentator, told how he is seeking by legal action to revoke the charter of the Klan. The chances are that he will succeed in this, but what then? Bigotry, prejudice and bullying can work without a charter. A TALMADGE can inflame passions, can set up prejudice for the purpose of pandering to prejudice and profiting thereby, without sanction of papers of incorporation.

To be sure, if there is no den or klavern to which the intolerant may herd, to hear new lies and be refreshed in their fascism, to be incited by a ritualistic mumbo jumbo, the danger may be lessened. But it won't be removed. The distempers that thrive in poor education, in poor health, in wasted land and low incomes, in the bigotry of false religious leadership, in inflammatory politics—these must also be removed.

Louisville, Ky. 7-23-46

These things are not to be changed by a lecture. If anybody, the fellow who needs the lecture is the man who is shocked by the existence of such filth as the Klan, the Mason-Dixon Society, the Caucasian League and all the other escape-channels for men who are hag-ridden by a dim sense of their own inferiority. The lectures are properly for the fellow who seems unaware that these things are symptoms, not causes, and that we shall have to cut deep into the faults of society before the contamination may be removed. It is simply too easy to tell a Klansman that he is dirt. What makes dirt?

Tuesday

Mob Law in Middle Georgia

The dirty hand of mob law descended on Middle Georgia several nights ago when four masked men flogged a lone Negro at Gordon.

According to a statement issued by George L. Googe, Southern representative of the American Federation of Labor, the Negro was handcuffed and beaten with a rubber hose because he refused to resign from a union. The statement added that the four men who did the job represented themselves as members of the Ku Klux Klan.

Sheriff W. E. Hambrick of Twiggs County said an investigation by his office had disclosed that the men were "merely members of local anti-union folks," and while no arrests have been announced this would indicate that the sheriff has facts which may be used to solve the case.

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Regardless of the circumstances, there is no possible excuse for disgraceful, unAmerican and criminal activity of this kind. This incident is a serious indictment against Middle Georgia. We feel, however, that a majority of our people do not condone such violence.

If men are beaten because they belong to unions, what is to prevent the same bigots from beating others because they happen to be Democrats or Republicans, Baptists or Methodists?

While we are hoping that Adolf Hitler is dead, we must guard against his spirit rising here in our midst.

The question of whether a person joins a union is one for his own determination as a free American. We feel that he should be protected in this right by every real citizen and by law enforcement.

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We also feel that every person should have the right to refuse to join a union, and that it is just as bad to beat up a man for failure to join as it is to manhandle him for refusing to give up membership.

Because of our belief in the basic right of every man to determine his own course in such matters, we are unalterably opposed to the principle of the closed shop—in which every workman at a given plant must belong to a union or lose his job.

All incidents such as the flogging of the lone union member the other night should be brought to light. They should be investigated vigorously, and those responsible should be brought to justice, not before a masked mob of fanatical labor haters or labor supporters, but before an open American court.

Until this is accomplished, the stigma of this reprehensible act of mob violence cannot be lifted from Middle Georgia.

GEORGIA COURT ACTION AIMED AT LEGAL BASIS OF THE KLAN

Times Dispatch Va.

Governor Hopes the Psychological Effect Will Be to Discourage Membership

Sunday 6-28-46

By GEORGE HATCHER

ATLANTA, Ga., June 22—The present and future strength of the Ku Klux Klan is a ponderous question in Georgia today following the institution of quo warranto proceedings by the State legal department to revoke the charter of the national hooded order.

Observers hasten to point out that revocation of the charter would not take away from the Klan the rights of assembly or restrain the Kluxers in their ceremonials, induction of new members and collection of initiation and membership fees. But the action is intended to remove any suggestion of official sanction implied by possession of a charter.

Although the "Association of Georgia Klans," of which Dr. Samuel Green, Atlanta obstetrician, is the Grand Dragon, denies affiliation with the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., the State in its civil suit filed in the Fulton County Court this week, contends that the State unit is "part and parcel" of the national order.

Sunday 6-23-46

Klan Claims Discounted

The number of Klansmen is a matter of considerable speculation. Most competent observers are inclined to discount the boasts of Klan leaders that membership in Georgia totals between 40,000 and 50,000. These observers point to "reliable reports" that some of the larger chapter meetings of the Klan are attended by only fifty to 100 persons.

New York Mir.

At the same time they share Governor Arnall's concern over the potential strength of the Kluxers as well as the fact that Georgia might be held up to the rest of the country as a center of intolerance.

Dr. Green admits to a twenty-two-year membership in the Klan, but insists his organization today is "voluntary and fraternal." Atlanta newspapers published reports that several city policemen and a Councilman were Klan members, but these rumors were not substantiated.

Times

Ministers, educators, editors and other leading townspeople, along with organizations, are raising their voices in a swelling flood of denunciation. The pressure of this public opinion and the shame being heaped upon Klan members plus the peril of being exposed by investigators are regarded as factors that may contribute to the Kluxers' eventual disintegration.

"THE LID'S OFF"

Doyle in The Philadelphia Record

The Klan appears to be making rather feeble efforts to muster members in several other Southern States—in Florida, Tennessee and Alabama. Wherever fiery crosses have burned, it is noted that strong anti-Klan sentiment has developed.

In Miami outdoor signs read "KKK Welcomes You" and a post-office box number is listed for the benefit of any wishing to apply for membership. Newspaper men and civic groups have been keeping close watch on the Klan there and, in spite of intensive efforts to enlist members, Klansmen are said to total "only a few thousand."

Dr. James A. Colescott, former Imperial Wizard of the Klan when the order's national headquarters were in Atlanta, is now a Miami veterinarian. He declares that he discarded his hooded robe of office two years ago and that he has no idea of the identity of leaders connected with the Miami Klan.

However, Georgia's Secretary of State reports that the charter of The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., first issued in 1916 and made active again in March this year when registration fees for the years 1940 through 1946 were paid, lists James A. Colescott of Miami as "president."

In east Tennessee, the Rev. A. A. Haggard of Maryville, who says he is an Evangelist minister, also admits membership in the Klan and was the principal speaker at a recent Kluxer rally in Knoxville. Mr. Haggard states that he is not the leader of the Klan movement there but estimates the order's total membership at 10,000.

Fiery crosses also have been seen flaming recently in and around Chattanooga and Birmingham, Ala. Responsible sources say, however, that the Klan does not appear to be making much headway there.

AFL CHARGES KLAN KIDNAPPED NEGRO

Green Reports Georgia Worker Was Beaten After He Refused to Resign From Union

Times

WASHINGTON, June 14 (AP)—The American Federation of Labor said tonight that four masked men who represented themselves as Ku Klux Klanmen abducted Willie Dudley, a Negro, from a Georgia clay pit and beat him with a rubber hose when he refused to resign from a union.

Sat. 6-15-46

A statement from William Green, AFL president, said the alleged kidnaping took place early Sunday when Dudley refused to sign a letter of resignation from the United Cement, Lime & Gypsum Workers at the P. W. Martin Clay Company of oGrdon, Ga.

Mr. Green directed George Googe, the AFL southern organization director, to protest to Gov. Ellis Arnall.

The union opened an intensive organizing drive as part of its Southern organization campaign at the Martin plans and mines on May 24, according to Felix C. Jones, business representative of the union.

New York.

Resignations Followed Rise

In the first week about 100 workers weer enrolled, he said, but the company granted an eight-cent rise to establish a 50-cent hourly rate retroactive to May 16. Resignations from the union followed and Mr. Jones said they were a result of a campaign to break up the new local.

Mr. Jones said the sheriffs of Twiggs and Wilkinson Counties promised to investigate the beating incident. Mr. Jones reported: "Dudley began work on his regular job at 11 P. M., June 8. About 1 A. M., June 9, four masked men appeared at his job and, brandishing pistols, handcuffed Dudley and carried him away. James G. Upshaw, treasurer of the Gordon local, witnessed the kidnapping, which occurred in Twiggs County.

Death Threat Reported

"Dudley was carried into Wilkinson County and severely beaten with a rubber hose. He was told by these men they were Ku Klux Klan; that they were beating him because he would not get out of the union, and that if he told anyone who they were, they would return and kill him.

"They also told him they intended to keep the Negroes from joining the union and for him to tell the union representative they would get him next. After beating Dudley they brought him back near his job and left him. Dudley knows who these four men were and has positively identified at least one of them."

Saturday 6-15-46

Klan Connection Denied

ATLANTA, June 14 (AP)—Sheriff W. E. Hambrick of Twiggs County said tonight the four masked men who allegedly abducted and beat a Gordon (Ga.) Negro after representing themselves as members of the Ku Klux Klan were only union antagonists.

New York

This was the third incident reported by either the American Federation of Labor or the Congress of Industrial Organizations since the two union organizations announced intensification of their drives to unionize the South. Both the others occurred in Alabama.

Sheriff Hambrick refused comment on the Dudley beating, saying: "I don't want nothing published." He did say, however, that Dudley could identify his assailants only by voice.

Twin Attacks Are Directed At Klansmen

Advertiser

Montgomery Ala.

Georgia Seeks To Oust Hooded Knights While U. S. Asks Back Taxes

ATLANTA, May 30—(AP)—The law moved in on the Ku Klux Klan from two angles today, and the Grand Dragon of the resurgent hooded organization denied any connection with the old invisible empire against which he said action was directed.

Less than 24 hours after Governor Ellis Arnall ordered his Attorney General, Eugene Cook, to institute a move to revoke the Klan charter in Georgia, the Federal Government filed a court suit for $685,305 in back taxes against the knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.

Ala.

At the same time Dr. Samuel Green, grand dragon of the Georgia Klan which has gained national publicity since its resurgence here, said he had no connection with the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., and represented the Association of Georgia Klans.

5-31-46

Only One

The Georgia secretary of state reported no charter had been issued the Association of Georgia Klans, and that the only one on file was that the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., first issued in 1916, and made active again in March of 1946, when back fees from 1940 were paid up.

The charter for the knights lists James A. Colescott of Miami, Fla., as president. It was Colescott, who as imperial wizard in 1944 announced that the old invisible empire had ceased to exist. He was not available for comment in Miami today.

FWI

Green, in a formal statement issued today, said "I am not entering into any controversy between klansmen and ex-klansmen. I extended to the attorney general of Georgia and his agents, the same full cooperation, that I offered the Federal Government, in any investigation they may see fit to make."

Suit for Taxes

The federal suit, brought by collector of internal revenue Marion Allen said the $685,305 was due the government for taxes in the years 1921 through 1924 and for the year 1926. The complaint was filed in Fulton Superior (state) court.

The Georgia attorney general moved fast today in carrying out the governor's Klan ouster order. After a conference with his aides and representatives of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, he announced that Assistant Attorney General Daniel Duke would head the move against the Klan.

Duke gained state-wide prominence several years ago with his prosecution of a series of flogging cases in Atlanta.

FWI

Cook said investigation of the Klan would be conducted in a "judicial manner" and "we will adhere with uncompromising rigidity to strictly judicial methods to insure that no person is unjustly held up to public ridicule or unnecessarily subjected to unfair play."

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Governor Arnall in directing Cook to proceed said he believed the attorney general had sufficient information on hand to go into the courts immediately. No comment was forthcoming from the legal department on this.

If action in the courts fails, the governor said "it may be necessary to convoke the general assembly in extraordinary session; to 'de-hood' the Klan and prohibit activities which the general assembly might determine to be detrimental to the public good."

The governor told Cook "it is a well known fact" that the Klan's "present chief political occupation is the gubernatorial contest in this state. The evidence and photostatic documentation can be secured."

THE KU KLUX KLAN AGAIN

(Reprinted from the New Republic)

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6-22-46

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IT WILL BE IRONIC BUT SOMEHOW FITTING the Nation the Nation
if the Ku Klux Klan after a lifetime of lawlessness should, like Al Capone, meet justice in the form of the Collector of Internal Revenue. This appears to be the fate in store for the Georgia chapter, against which the Treasury has just filed a lien for $685,305 allegedly due in back income taxes. Should the Kleagles successfully fight the revenue men in the courts, or raise the required sum by passing the hood, they will find their troubles have only begun. Governor Ellis Arnall, with courage to spare, has instructed the state's legal department to bring action to revoke the Klan's charter on six counts, including misrepresentation, "unlawful activities aimed at the destruction of civil liberties," and violation of state criminal laws. The Governor has also accused the Klan of illegally engaging in political activities, a charge that every Georgian knows refers to the campaign being waged by the hooded gentlemen to return the ineffable Gene Talmadge to the governor's mansion. Should Arnall's move fail in the courts, he is prepared to call an extraordinary session of the General Assembly "to de-hood the Klan and prohibit activities . . . detrimental to the public good." The fact that a Georgia governor can and does stand up to the Klan in this fashion speaks volumes for the progress the state has made during the Administration of Ellis Arnall. We are delighted to note, incidentally, that the Wood-Rankin Committee has decided not to investigate the Klan as an un-American activity. It would be just as logical and just as fruitful for the Klan to investigate the committee.

Tell It To Old Grandma

FOR AN INVESTIGATION
Editor, The Advertiser:

Several days ago you commended the writer of a letter in the Grandma column for courage in taking a stand against the Ku Klux Klan. I commend the writer on an intelligent position, but I wonder if it actually requires much courage to oppose the Klan. It doesn't take long after the first start to marshal one's forces and face a white sheet waving in the night breeze on the clothes line and find that it is not a ghost. The white citizen with a place in the community has no fear of the Klan. It is the weak and the helpless and the underprivileged and poor that are the Klan's victims. People who are afraid to operate until they have a sheet to hide behind are too cowardly to attack any others. Life Magazine said that the KKK was forced to postpone their Stone Mountain demonstration several times because of the sheet shortage. This is the first time that a shortage has been known to serve a useful purpose. Friday

The Rankin committee has been given a new lease on life by a liberal mis-appropriation to investigate un-American activities. If it could leave off witch-hunting for a while and look behind these white sheets of the Ku Klux Klan it would find the blackest un-American activities within our borders. 5-31-46 Ala.

Clayton, Ala. JOHN L. BRACEWELL

(Editor's Note): The Rankin Committee has started a "preliminary study" of the KKK to determine whether it should be "investigated." 5-31-46

Klan Mentality

Gov. Ellis Arnall apparently is losing no bets in his drive to stamp out the Ku Klux Klan in Georgia. His campaign seems to be snowballing, and now he has enlisted the aid of the Rev. Grady B. Kent, a minister who got 62 lashes with a bull whip at the hands of the Klan in 1939 because of his views. All this is to the good. It serves to demonstrate the insidious root of the hooded wizardry and mystic mumbo jumbo that characterize the Klan in its outward aspects. If Governor Arnall is successful, as we hope he is, in destroying the legal basis for the Klan's existence, some of the old-time fear and awe inspired by the Klan's night riders and fiery cross also may be abolished. Though Governor Arnall's action can apply only to Georgia unless the Federal Government takes up the case, elimination of the Klan hierarchy in one State would be a severe deterrent to the Klan wherever else it meets.

It would be foolish, of course, to assume that the Ku Klux Klan can be eradicated merely by doing away with the name or technical organization. That might well serve merely to drive the Klan and its sheeted dragons underground. The real danger from the Klan lies not in its childish ritual, but in the kind of credulous mentality that permits it to survive and gain a foothold. Here is the incubating ground for the virus of fascism. It is this credulous attitude which leads one group of citizens to vent their animus for national ills they cannot solve on another group of citizens. The Klan parallels Hitler's line in making scapegoats of minority groups, such as Negroes, Jews, Catholics and foreigners. It thrives on ignorance and suspicion, and its chief weapons are physical intimidation and denial of citizenship rights such as the ballot.

As long as such attitudes exist in the United States there will be unscrupulous men to exploit them, whether they call themselves Klansmen, Silver Shirts or some other high-sounding name. Thus the only permanent answer to the problem raised by the Ku Klux Klan lies in attacking the conditions that give rise to the Klan mentality. These conditions can best be met by a continuous campaign of education not only to expose the shallow basis of the Klan's appeal but also to demonstrate repeatedly the elementary rules of good citizenship by which we can live peaceably and tolerantly together.

led without notice to him. 6-22-46
Mr. Shotkin asked the supreme court to review litigation in Georgia courts in which he unsuccessfully fought the cancellation. The court will decide next term whether to do so. 6-22-46
The petition asked the supreme court that because of the influence of the KKK" masked and hooded Ku Klux Klan he has been deprived of the rights precursors of Hitlerism—will be to practice law in Georgia. 6-7-46
The Georgia lawyer's petition permitted to prevail and rob your petitioner of his property right—the right to practice law—without said he was granted a license to notice, hearing, or opportunity to practice by a judge of the Super- be heard."
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WASHINGTON, — (ANP) — A Jewish attorney, Bernard M. Shotkin, a Jewish ceremony similar to that which took week complained

The Ku Klux Klan Again

New Republic

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Jewish Lawyer Says Ku Klux Klan Banned In Georgia

KKK (Georgia)

M. L. ST. JOHN

Atlanta Constitution

Whom Will the Klan Elect Governor?

Atlanta Ga.

Ex-Gov. Talmadge is trying—and virtually succeeding—in stealing the Ku Klux Klan support from ex-Gov. Rivers as the two former Governors seek a comeback this Summer. Although so far as is known Talmadge is not a Klansman himself, he is speaking the language the hooded terrors like to hear as he tries to stir up racial hatred over the State. Rivers, himself a former if not a present officer in the shrouded Klan, is not as strong with the bunch as he was when he was Governor, because his position on Negro voting is not to the Klan's liking. When he was Governor, Rivers was the Klan's pal, and Imperial Wizard Hiram Evans helped run the State. Today, the new Grand Dragon of the Klan, which is trying to reorganize, is in the Talmadge camp.

As Georgia's political campaign attracts national attention, and America wonders whether the reform policies launched by Ellis Arnall will be continued or if Georgia will turn back to demagoguery and waste, national writers have come into Georgia to write of the gubernatorial campaign. Spencer R. McCulloch, of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, interviewed the present Grand Dragon, and here's how he quoted the Klansman: Sun. 5-26-46

"Dr. Samuel Green, of Atlanta, Dragon of the Ku Klux Klan which is attempting a revival throughout the State, told the writer that many of those in today's crowd (Talmadge crowd at Lyons) were members of the Klan. Although the Klan as a body will not indorse any candidate, Green said he personally was a consistent Talmadge supporter. He estimated that 99 percent of the Klan would vote for Talmadge."

Meanwhile, Candidate Jimmie Carmichael is telling his audiences that regardless of which one of the ex-Governors might be elected, the Klan would rule Georgia, since the Klan has indorsed "Red Suspenders," and "Black Bow Tie" admittedly was one of their leaders. Carmichael is fighting revival of the hooded terrors and is the only candidate to take a clear-cut stand against the Klan and all its stands for.

The Legislature Charlie Gowen, of Brunswick, President of the Georgia Bar Association and Representative of Glynn County, was talking about the confusion in the Georgia Legislature when he addressed the Bar Association in Savannah the other day. He related how the title, only, of a bill is read when it is introduced; how a few committee members gather around a desk and, amidst the hubbub of similar groups over the House Chamber, listen a few moments while the author tries to explain what's in his bill; how the title of the bill is read the second day; how the bill is opened for debate the third day, with the general membership of the House having little knowledge of what is in the measure; and how amendments are hastily tacked onto the bill, sometimes changing the bill's entire meaning before the author or House members realize what is done.

Listen to this. It is Charlie speaking from experience:

"In 1945, on the last day of the session, two past Presidents of the Georgia Bar Association and your present President were watching the completion of action on the bar's program. The bill regulating foreign corporations came back from the Senate with an amendment attached. There was no time within which to give the amendment careful thought, but we agreed that it seemed to do no harm, and I asked the House to agree to the Senate amendment, which it did. Imagine our embarrassment when we found the next day, after the Legislature stood adjourned, that the innocent amendment changed the bill so that instead of accomplishing its aim of authorizing suits to be brought against foreign corporations in the counties in this State where the subject matter of the suit was transacted, it would in effect have required all such actions to be brought in one county. Fortunately, this was discovered before it was approved by the Governor and at our request the bill was vetoed and was passed in its original form in 1946.

"If this could happen to persons with considerable experience in legislative draughtsmanship, have not the people the right to demand that our legislative machinery be overhauled and modernized?" Sun. 5-26-46

The move to reorganize the Legislature so as to end some of the confusion and give more study to bills seems to be growing. Senate President Frank Gross came out for reduction of committees and printing of bills and greater study by committees some time ago. Gowen advocated similar steps in both branches of the General Assembly.

Disbanding The Klan

Atlanta Daily World, Ga.

The forthright and firm stand that Gubernatorial Candidate James V. Carmichael and Governor Ellis Arnall are taking against the notorious Ku Klux Klan deserves the unanimous hearty approval and appreciation of every Negro in the State. The Chief Executive of the State has instructed his Attorney General to seek means for legally liquidating the Klan organization. This is a bold stand that only men of the calibre of a statesman would dare to take on the eve of an election in Georgia. 5-31-46

Of course, we concede that if there were not also other powerful influences in the white community such as the press and church speaking out against the Klan, perhaps even these two strong advocates of clean, progressive and liberal government would be silent on this issue. But even this possibility should not reduce our appreciation to these men. The Klan has played a powerful role in Southern states' politics since Reconstruction and up to the beginning of the recent war. Hence, we can understand why no Southern governor to our knowledge has previously had the temerity to come out into the open and seek to outlaw this hooded terror bunch. Friday

There is no doubt in the mind of any intelligent citizen who wants clean, efficient and progressive government of the need for the elimination of the Klan. It has been so clearly revealed how this organization can corrupt government that it is unnecessary to mention its violent and terroristic acts against the more or less defenseless Negro who is the chief reason for its present being. Former Governor E. D. Rivers, has been exposed in the white daily press as a former Supreme Lecturer for the Klan. Former Governor Eugene Talmadge has openly declared he only wanted white votes including the Klansmen. Candidate Carmichael, on the other hand, is vigorously fighting the terror group. The situation is clear.

The question of the death or survival of the Ku Klux Klan is the paramount issue in the race for governor as the World sees it as far as the future of the Negroes in Georgia is concerned. The right to vote even will mean little to many Negroes if the Klan survives and all members of our race are subject to be way-laid by night and flogged and perhaps murdered! 5-31-46

Even before Governor Arnall came out against the Klan Candidate Carmichael lashed this group in his first speech opening his campaign at Waycross.

It will be interesting for us to watch and identify those in the State who will try to defend the Klan.

Georgia Unions And Politicians Strike At KKK

Chicago Defender
Chicago, Ill.
Sat. 5-18-46

ATLANTA—Georgia's Ku Klux Klan revival was bitterly attacked last week by two candidates for the governorship as well as labor organizations throughout the state. While the aspirants for the highest state office blasted the Klan's re-birth as a tie-up with political demagogues, especially with ex-Gov. Eugene Talmadge, who is a candidate again, the State Legislative Council, a labor group composed of CIO, AFL and independent union representatives, demanded an investigation by the U. S. Treasury Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The demand came after a cross-burning ceremony was staged by the "Association of Georgia Klans" on Stone Mountain here last week, with 1,000 Klansmen taking part.

The Treasury Department and FBI were asked to probe the KKK revival, since the organization suspended activities in 1944 due to inability to pay the U. S. Government $500,000 in back taxes.

In an address at Moultrie, Ga., last Saturday, James V. Carmichael, one of the gubernatorial candidates, said that the people of Georgia would no longer tolerate the "asphalt-drooling profiteers waving fiery crosses." Sat. 5-18-46

On the same day at Waycross, Ga., former Gov. E. D. Rivers, also a candidate, launched an attack on the forces of demagoguery which try to "blind our people with prejudice."

ARNALL WARS ON THE KLAN

News-Gazette, Champaign, Ill.

The modern Ku Klux Klan was born in Georgia in 1915 and spread like a malignancy at the end of World War I. By 1925 it had enrolled 9,000,000 dupes to parade in bed sheets, burn fiery crosses and whisper un-American slogans. The late '20s saw a sudden decline in this foolish yet dangerous business.

Now the Klan leaders are trying to get their racket going again. And again its starts from Georgia. 6-5-46

There is a new spirit abroad in the South, however. The days when all Southern politicians and officials bowed at mention of the Klan are past. Birmingham

The recent Klan rituals on Stone Mountain near Atlanta have brought from the vigorous and progressive young governor of Georgia, Ellis Arnall, a demand that his attorney general take action to outlaw the secret society, if possible. He proposed that the Klan's charter be revoked. It will be remembered that this was the procedure followed in Wisconsin in stamping out the poisonous Gentile League that was spawned in a Watertown soft drink parlor. News

Gov. Arnall said that the K. K. K. ritual "desecrated Stone Mountain and brought the name of Georgia into ridicule." He added that it was not "necessary to hide anything in Georgia behind hoods, witchery and hoodooism." Wed 6/5/46

Nicely said, Gov. Arnall. And success to your fight against the vile thing that sullies the name of your state and the South.—Milwaukee Journal.

Disquisition on Charters

News and Courier

Revocation of the charter of the so-called "Ku Klux Klan" in Georgia might cause the organization of a more dangerous gang of hooded paraders. The Ku Klux Klan of 1868 was not chartered, it had no existence in law, and if it had been chartered not only would the arrest of its members been facilitated but the effectiveness of the raids would have been destroyed.

Fancy the raid on a jail in Union, S. C., about 76 years ago, having been made by a chartered corporation! Charleston S. C.

The latterday concern was chartered by the Georgians because it was a money-making contraption that brought tens of thousands of admission fees from Indiana, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, New York, and other wealthy Northern and Western states into Atlanta. Friday 6-8-46

The News and Courier wishes that the charters of the Kluxers of Georgia and of

Dan Duke Writing Book About Klan

Atlanta Journal
Date 2-21-46

Dan Duke, Assistant Attorney General of Georgia, is writing a book about the Ku Klux Klan which is scheduled to be published this Fall by Simon & Schuster.

Duke is directing the State's efforts to revoke the charter of the hooded order. He has battled the Klan since he prosecuted a group of East Point floggers while he was employed with the Fulton County Solicitor General's office.

Incidentally, a movement is in progress in Washington, promoted from Harlem and vicinity, to revoke the rights in the charter of Georgia, of those of other Southern states.

Important parts of Magna Carta have been revoked in the United States since March 4, 1933.

Congress Group Coming Here To Probe Ku Klux

Atlanta Constitution
Atlanta, Ga.
mon. 5-27-46

By JAMES F. DONOVAN

WASHINGTON, May 26—(UP)—Barring unforeseen developments, investigators for the House Committee on Un-American Activities will leave for Atlanta Monday for an on-the-spot inquiry into revival of the Ku Klux Klan, it was revealed Sunday night.

Rep. Gerald W. Landis, Republican, Indiana, a member of the committee, emphasized that the inquiry will be preliminary in nature.

"The Committee has not voted as yet to undertake a full-fledged investigation," he said. "But we've received some complaints about it, so our investigators are going down there to see what's behind the revival."

SEEK EVIDENCE

He said that if evidence warrants it, there will be a full-scale Committee investigation.

Another Committee source said the inquiry may be extended to California where they have been periodic outbursts of Klan activity recently.

Several other members of the Committee said they were unaware of plans to look into the Klan. mon. 5-27-46

"It's all news to me," one said, "I know it has never been discussed at any Committee meeting."

One Committee official said he was primarily interested in the burning of fiery crosses at Stone Mountain, Ga. He said the United States Attorney General had received complaints about the demonstrations but is powerless to act because no civil rights were violated. But the Committee, he added, is bound by no such restrictions "and we decided to look into the situation."

THREATEN PROSECUTION

He said that if any crimes are turned up, they will be called to the attention of legal authorities for prosecution. The same procedure will be followed in California if the investigation is continued there.

The Klan—a relic of the old Reconstruction Days in the South—was first revived in Georgia in 1915. It flourished in the 20's and at one time claimed an active membership of more than 5,000,000. The membership rolls fell off to virtually nothing during the depression, and, in 1944, the KKK was disbanded as a national organization.

The recent Georgia cross-burnings were he first indication that it had returned.

Government officials have publicly condemned the resurrection. Atty. Gen. Tom C. Clark, in a Philadelphia speech recently termed the Klan "organized bigotry."

mon. 5-27-46

'Our Skirts Are Clean,' Grand Dragon Says Here

Dr. Samuel Green, Grand Dragon of the recently revived Ku Klux Klan here, said yesterday he did not fear any investigation by the House Un-American Activities Committee because "we know our skirts are clean."

Green admitted he did not "welcome" the reported investigation, "Because nobody likes to get mixed up in anything like that," but said "We have nothing to fear."

The Klan, conducting an extensive organizing campaign in the Atlanta area, has staged no public demonstrations since its recent cross burning atop Stone Mountain near here.

KKK Will Be Shown No Mercy

Courier

ATLANTA — The Georgia Negro vote—estimated at approximately 40,000 — should play a powerful role in "dehooding" the Ku Klux Klan.

Come July 17, eligible Negro voters of the State will cast ballots in their first State-wide primary.

Three men are in the Gubernatorial campaign — (1) Atty. James A. Carmichael who says he will unmask the Klan members and force them to answer for their crimes (2) former Governor Eugene Talmadge, a firm believer in "white supremacy" and one who welcomes the Klan support, and (3) former Governor Ed Rivers, who is anti-Negro, but so far, has avoided both the Klan and Negro issues in his campaign speeches. 6-8-46

ALL-OUT WAR

Attorney Carmichael has the support of Governor Ellis Arnall, and it was Mr. Arnall who, last week, ordered an all-out war on the night shirt fraternity in the State. Pittsburgh

Assistant Attorney General Daniel Duke, ex-Marine officer and a former Assistant Solicitor General of Fulton County, was appointed to head an investigation of Klan activities after a directive from Governor Arnall had instructed Attorney General Eugene Cook to begin quo warranto proceedings against the Ku Klux Klan to revoke its charter in Georgia. Sat

The 32-year-old Assistant Attorney General bluntly warned the reborn white-hooded organization that he would "show no mercy" in his efforts to crush the Klan. Prosecuting the Ku Klux Klan is an old story to Mr. Duke. Before the war, he helped convict eight Klansmen after the fatal flogging of a white barber. 6-7-46

RAGTAIL AND BOBTAIL

The present Klan group is "the ragtail and bobtail of the old order and its claiming to be different will not interfere with the legal procedure contemplated in any way," declared the youthful racket buster. Pittsburgh

Grand Dragon Samuel Green, big boss of the Klan, had declared earlier that the present-day Klan has no connection with the old Ku Klux Klan. Pa

Green made this statement after the Federal Government last week went through the formality of filing a lien against the Georgia Klan for back taxes of $685,305.08. The lien would be of use in case the Klan's title were ever examined for loan or other purposes.

The Georgia Secretary of State reported that the only Klan charter on file is that of the Knights of issued in 1916 and made actiinzfi

tive Adolph J. Sabath of Illinois, chairman of the Rules Committee, called on the Committee on Un-American Activities last week to investigate the Ku Klux Klan. Developments in the situation, he said, should suffice to change the opinion of Representatives John Rankin, Democrat of Mississippi, that no un-American organization exists in Georgia.

Drew Pearson and Walter Winchell joined the crusade against the Klan in their Sunday night broadcasts.

LOS ANGELES — Perpetrators of the recent fiery cross burning at Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity on the University of Southern California campus have been identified by university officials aided and abetted by Federal Bureau of Investigation men and will be publicly denounced and expelled from school, a university spokesman told The Courier last week.

He revealed they are members of a campus organization located near the scene of the deed. He did not believe them to be members of the Ku Klux Klan but rather pranksters.

WASHINGTON — Representa-

the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., first again in March of this year, when registration fees from 1940 through 1946 were paid.

In giving the go sign to open war on the Klan, Governor Arnall warned that he might call an extraordinary session of the Legislature to enact laws to "de-hood" the Klansmen if present efforts through the courts prove unsuccessful.

The Governor hinted that the Federal Bureau of Investigation may have agents in the KKK's membership for the purpose of studying its methods and purposes.

He also asked State Attorney General Eugene Cook to look into an organization that reportedly had sprung up in the State, known as the "Vigilantes." He said this group is allegedly a front for the Klan. Savannah

IGNORING THREATS

The Georgia Governor declared he is ignoring personal threats he has received from the Klan since he opened his all-out attack on the hooded organization.

He added that he thought the State's legal department already has sufficient evidence to file proceedings against the Klan, and he said he felt certain Mr. Duke "will be successful in bringing about the revocation of the Klan charter."

BURN CROSS IN TENN.

There were two outward signs of Klan activity in various sections of the country during the week. In Knoxville, Tenn., another Klan hotbed, a fiery cross was burned on the lawn of Zeta Beta Tau Jewish Fraternity House, just of the University of Tennessee campus. It was the second cross found burning in the vicinity in fifteen days.

A cross was burned on the lawn of another Jewish fraternity house in Los Angeles, May 26.

Burning of the cross in Knoxville last week followed by one week the Klan meeting at Bible Baptist Tabernacle there.

LEAVE KLAN MARK 6-6-46

The Klan mark was left in San Francisco for the first time since the war last week. The KKK sign and a crude cross were found scrawled on the entrance foyer wall of Congregation Beth Sholom Synagogue, Fourteenth and Clement Streets. Blue paint was used in this case.

San Francisco Police Chief Dullea declared that "we will not tolerate any such acts of religious or racial intolerance." Pittsburgh

The church was defaced just before members were to hold memorial services for seven persons who were killed in World War II.

RANKIN HAS HIS SAY

Representative John E. Rankin, Democrat of Mississippi, acting chairman of the House Un-American Activities Committee, entered the picture last week, declaring that the committee has no immediate plans for investigating the KKK activities in Georgia. Earlier, Representative Gerald W. Landis, Republican of Indiana, a member of the committee, said that investigators for the committee would go to Georgia to make a preliminary investigation into Klan activities. Pittsburgh

Church organizations throughout the Nation are taking strong stands against Klan activity. In Knoxville, where the Kluxers claim several hundred members, the Baptist Ministers Alliance adopted a strongly worded resoultion against the Klan. The resolution pointed out that the Klan would "inaugurate a reign of terror and anarchy." 6-8-46

THREAT TO UNITY

The Southern Baptist Convention called the Klan a threat to national unity, and the Metropolitan Church Federation of St. Louis scored the KKK as "a growing spirit of intolerance in various areas of America's social and educational life."

In Miami, Fla., another Klan hangout, the Greater Miami Ministerial Association called the hooded group "an intolerant movement." A concerted effort of leading pastors was made in Atlanta which took the form of sermons denouncing the cross-burning ceremony atop nearby Stone Mountain.

White Supremacy

Constitution

Editor Constitution: Instead of so much criticism of the Ku Klux Klan, why don't you devote some space to telling the cause of its revival in the South? Saturday

You know that the registration of thousands of Negroes is a threat to Georgia and the South. The purpose of the Klan is to combat this threat and defend white supremacy. 6-15-46

Whether one admires Eugene Talmadge or not, we should support him, remembering that his fundamental policies have always been sound. If any are so pitiably blind that they cannot see the danger in this New Order then nothing will open their eyes but dominance and control by the Negro race. Atlanta

If women's organizations and individuals do not seek to combat and defend themselves against this invasion then it will be left for the Klan or some other force to handle for them.

The indorsement of Carmichael by Arnall is evidence enough that he (Carmichael) is ready to surrender white supremacy as Arnall did four years ago. Georgia

Let every believer in the government remaining with the white race rally to the support of the one candidate that stands firmly for this. W. H. HURST.

Luthersville.

GEORGIA AGENTS PRY IN RANKS OF KLAN

Times, New York, N.Y.

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

ATLANTA, June 6—State investigators are at work in the ranks of the Ku Klux Klan, collecting evidence on the hooded order's activities, Gov. Ellis Arnall announced today. The information these agents have already gathered and are expecting to obtain on the activities of the Klan "will be very helpful in moving against the Klan," the Governor explained.

Mr. Arnall also revealed that he had received new threats since he ordered Attorney General Eugene Cook to bring quo warranto proceedings to revoke the Georgia charter of the Klan.

He said the threats were received both at hisoffice and at the Governor's Mansion and that they were made by persons representing themselves as members of the Klan. Friday

The Governor said he had received letters from all parts of the country endorsing his proposal to remove the Klan's charter.

Mr. Cook reiterated today that court action to outlaw the Klan would be taken "as soon as sufficient evidence has been assembled."

Lawyer Says KKK Banned Him

Atlanta Daily World

WASHINGTON (A N P)—Ber-

Mr. Shotkin asked the supreme court to review litigation in Georgia courts in which he unsuccessfully fought the cancellation. The court will decide next term whether to do so. 10-14-46 Wed.

The Georgia lawyer's petition asked the supreme court to rule "whether Georgia's practice by a judge of the Superior Court, Atlanta circuit, in granting a license to masked and hooded Ku Klux Klan precursors of Hitlerism—will be permitted to prevail and rob your petitioner of his property right—the right to practice law—without due process law in Georgia.

The Georgia lawyer's petition said he was granted a license to practice law in Georgia. shortly afterward it was cancelled without notice to him.

The supreme notice, hearing, or opportunity to be heard." Filed, 10-14-46

"influence of the KKK" he has been deprived of the right to prac-

KLAN ISSUE RAGES IN GEORGIA'S PRIMARY GUBERNATORIAL RACE

"Black Dispatch"

One Candidate Calls "Bed Sheet" Crusaders "Racketeering Parasites"

Oklahoma City, Okla.

OPPOSE NEGROES VOTING

ATLANTA —(ANP)—Disclosures over the past week end brought out that the Ku Klux Klan, American fascist organization, is out in the open as an issue in the approaching Democratic primary election.

Following their less than spectacular appearance atop Stone Mountain where representatives from four southern states gathered to initiate 227 neophytes and to demonstrate that the Klan is reviving, there appeared on Atlanta streets and public places cards with the inscription that "As Long As There Is A White Man There Will Be A Klan."

It was reported in an Atlanta Constitution article that Former Gov. E. D. Rivers, one of the three principal candidates for governor, is a former supreme lecturer for the Klan. A Klan source is reported as having said that since River's stand on the white supremacy issue has not been made clear he would probably lose Klan support. The same source also was reported as having said that the Ku Klux Klan will work for the defeat of candidate James Carmichael "because of his refusing to support the white supremacy issue."

In his initial speech at Moultrie last Saturday, Carmichael made a lashing attack on the Klan when he referred to the "racketeering parasites and asphalt-drooling profiteers waving fiery crosses."

An investigation several years ago revealed that high Klan officials, particularly the former imperial wizzard Hiram W. Evans were connected with asphalt and road-building companies. In most of the elections for governor since the Civil War up until World War II, the Klan played an important behind-the-scenes part. With the high registration of Georgia Negroes to vote and their acceptance in the white primary, the role of the Klan is being forced in the open.

At the Stone Mountain demonstration, Grand Dragon Dr. Samuel Green, said the Klan is vigorously opposed to Negroes voting in the white primary, but has no objection to their voting in general elections. He declared further: "The cardinal principal of the Klan is white supremacy. God made white men and Negroes in two colors. If He'd meant them to be equal, He'd have made them the same color. The supremacy of the white man has been demonstrated through the ages and we believe it is the will of God." Green estimated that the Georgia Klan membership is between 40,000 and 50,000 and the rolls of the seven Atlanta units at "about 20,000."

The neophytes took the Klansmen's oath "to defend the constitution, the chastity of white southern womanhood and the principal of white supremacy" beneath a 300-foot flaming cross.

No sooner had the demonstration been publicized, however, when the Georgia Legislative council of unions demanded a probe of the KKK by the FBI and treasury department. The council charged the organization had announced suspension of activities in 144 because of an unpaid federal tax assessment of more than half a million dollars, but had continued to use its original application and reinstatement blanks. The council also said the officers of the Klan were known to travel from state to state on interstate Klan business.

Ex-Gov. Eugene Talmadge, the other of the three principal candidates for governor, is reported to have asked openly for Klan support. "I want all white Georgians to work for Talmadge. I want Catholics, the Ku Klux Klan and Jews." He is the only candidate in the race who has made an issue of not wanting Negroes to vote in the primary. The Klan thus disavowed any opposition to Jews and Catholics, the sole object of its terror and intimidation being the Negro.

Clergymen of the Atlanta Christian council scored the Klan in a signed resolution, lamenting "movements among certain groups that develop hatreds among men, that engender suspicion, and that make more uncomfortable the life of any group."

The Council called on Christian citizens to place their dependence in the moral sense of the people, "rather than upon a course of intimidation and veiled threat."

Hooded Hoodlums

Constitution

Editor Constitution: The horrid recollection of my service on the Grand Jury, at the time when the Klansmen of East Point were indicted for their many brutal floggings, is still vivid in my memory.

There has just come to me a copy of the Klan's membership application card. There are 16 tenets listed. What amazed me was the variety of the tenets—old and new—many of them used as slogans by our isolationists and hatemongers, such as "America First" and "America for Americans."

The effrontery of these hooded hoodlums, posing as defending Knights, is astounding. They claim (1) to uphold the constitution, (2) to separate church and state, (3) to promote law and order, (4) to guarantee freedom of speech, (5) to uphold state's rights, all of which are guaranteed by our basic law, and finally (6) to uphold Christianity! (of all things.)

Constitution

To modernize their program they have now added (1) opposition to Communism, (2) American leadership of labor unions and (3) closer relations between capital and labor. Could anything be more ridiculous than this heterogeneous collection of promises that they have no way of carrying out, except negatively through fear and intimidation and violence—Nazi stuff. The very stuff we went to war to stop.

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This assumption of a protectorate over some of the fundamentals of our way of life, as though the courts were not set up for this purpose, is another effrontery; so is dragging in the idea of Christianity—the application of which would eradicate all the other planks in their malodorus platform.

There is always a host of disappointed and frustrated individuals who will rally to such an appeal—it gives such the chance to become important. The sadists also flock to the call, and assume the hood, since it gives them the opportunity to flog their neighbors, and thus do even up old scores.

Atlanta, Ga.

And there's money in it for the top boys. It's just like a good racket. Percentage for the organizers, profit in the production and distribution of the regalia, lodge furnishings, etc.

How can these foul rats be destroyed before they nibble away at the foundations of our democracy and so undermine its strucfure that future Fascists may find easy work in toppling it over—just as they did in Italy and Germany? Let us all unite to show up the filthy mess by exposing this colossal hoax by every possible means at our command.

KENDALL WEISIGER.

Atlanta.

Cloud over Stone Mountain

Sirs: Times, New York, N.Y.

At the risk of inviting a midnight visitation by the K.K.K. [which invited the public to a show of strength in Georgia—TIME, May 20], I suggest that the next atomic-bomb test be conducted atop Stone Mountain while the Klan is swarming over it like flies on a dung heap. . . .

BUDDY SHARTAR

Atlanta

6-17-46

Committee Turns Heat Off Klan, Giving State First Chance To Act

Atlanta Constitution — Atlanta Ga.

Tues 5-28-46

The heat on the Ku Klux Klan was turned off in Washington yesterday when Rep. John Rankin, of Mississippi, ranking member of the Committee on Un-American Activities, declared that Georgia will be given first opportunity to act.

"This question, I understand, is being investigated by Gov. Arnall of Georgia and the Committee on Un-American Activities is not being called to interfere," Rankin said.

5-28-46 Tues.

Earlier yesterday an informed spokesman for the committee, however, had stated: "Action by the committee's regular investigating staff was scheduled until late last week when it was learned here (Washington) that the Georgia Governor had asked Atty. Gen. Eugene Cook for a ruling on the State's legal authority to take steps against the Ku Klux Klan."

Meanwhile, Atty. Gen. Cook here said he had not been contacted by the committee. His ruling on the legal status of the Klan would be presented to Gov. Arnall as soon as he returned to Atlanta, probably sometime Thursday, Cook said. What the substance of the ruling was, Cook said he was not at liberty to disclose, adding that the Governor would make any announcements to be made on the subject.

Atlanta, Ga.

Unapprised of the committee's decision not to investigate the Klan at this time, Samuel Green, Grand Dragon of the Association of Georgia Klans, said he had wired Rep. John S. Wood, of Georgia's Ninth District, a member of the Committee on Un-American Activities, that he would offer the committee the "fullest co-operation in any investigation which your committee may see fit to make."

off" policy of Ku Klux Klan activities in Georgia will be maintained by the House Un-American Activities Committee, Rep. John Rankin, Mississippi Democrat, announced this week.

"Statements appearing in the press to the effect that the Committee on Un-American Activities was going to Georgia to investigate the Ku Klux Klan are without foundation," declared the Dixie guardian of "Americanism."

Earlier, Rep. Gerald W. Landis (R., Ind.), said that investigators for the committee would probe the hooded Klan in Georgia. An informed source said that action by the committee's regular investigating staff was scheduled until late last week when it was learned here that Gov. Ellis Arnall of Georgia had initiated action against the KKK.

6-6-46

Denies Committee Action

Gov. Arnall told Georgia's Attorney General Eugene Cook, this week, to take immediate steps against the Klan.

Rankin in denying committee action said, "I understand the Klan is being investigated by Governor Arnall of Georgia and the Committee on Un-American Activities is not called upon to interfere.

"On May 20, 1946," Rankin continued, "the United States Attorney Neil Andrews, representing the Department of Justice, made the following statement:

U. S. Official Quoted

"'No investigation of the Ku Klux Klan will be made in Georgia unless this office receives information that someone's civil rights have been violated.'"

Before learning of Rankin's announcement, the grand dragon of the revived Klan, Dr. Samuel Green, had informed Rep. John S. Wood (D., Ga.), chairman of the House Un-American Activities Committee, that he would offer the committee the "fullest cooperation in any investigation which your committee may see fit to make."

In a dispatch from Atlanta, Green was quoted as saying he did not fear a probe because "we know our skirts are clean." Admitting that he did not welcome the investigation, Green explained, "Nobody likes to get mixed up in anything like that."

Hands Off KKK, Says Rankin

Klan Investigation Stories Denied

WASHINGTON (A.P.)—District Chairman

Atlanta Newspapers Play Up Drew Pearson's Klan Charges

The Afro-American, Baltimore, Md. Sat. 10-19-46

ATLANTA (ANP)—Drew Pearson's syndicated column banks and Vester Owenby; Comment from them ranged from Dr. charge that the list of Talmadge delegates to the State Democartic Green's affirmation to flat denials, with others failing to comment.
convention read "like a roll call of the nightshirt brigade at Stone Mountain," got a big play in the local newspapers.

Klan Delegates Singled Out

Klansmen delegates named were:

Dr. Samuel Green, grand dragon; city policeman, Sam Roper; city recorder, Luke Arnold and A. W. Callaway; Councilman Joe Allen, Howard Haire, O. B. Cawthon, F. Lee Evans and Cecil Hester; Fulton County Commissioner Ellis Barett, Assistant City Police Chief G. Neal Ellis; City Detective Jimmie Helms, R. E. Jones and O. R. Jones, county and city detectives; H. C. Edson (Eidson), Dr. E. H. Eu-

The Klan on the Defense

These are unhappy days for the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, what with Governor Arnall of Georgia ordering action to revoke its charter and the U. S. Collector of Internal Revenue in Atlanta filing action in the Superior Court to get $685,305 allegedly due the Government for back taxes from 1921 through 1924 and for 1946.

There was a time that everybody was on the defense against the charges and attacks of the hooded order, but now the Ku Klux leaders are on the defense against the State of Georgia and the Federal Government.

Despite the threats of the hooded mobsters, Governor Arnall has gone ahead with great courage to hit the K. K. K. where it hurts and all indications point to the probability that he will win.

It is a smart political move on the part of Governor Arnall because the Klan was all set to barge into Georgia politics and elect a Governor whom it can control.

Now it is going to be so busy defending itself that it will not have much time or energy left to attack anybody.

Times have certainly changed when Georgia, the original home of the K. K. K. turns upon it so viciously and effectively.

To outlaw the Ku Klux Klan in the State of its origin is the unkindest cut of all; and to sue these chiselers for nearly $700,000 back taxes is adding insult to injury, to put it mildly.

The Ku Klux Klan had this coming to it and no one will regret its ill-fortune.

For years it whipped, burned and lynched its way across the face of the South and became a sinister power in many other parts of the country, even in the most liberal sections.

It not only terrorized those it hated, but it callously fleeced its own members by exorbitant dues and charges for nightgown uniforms.

Now it is about to reap what it sowed, and there is national unity in wishing it ill.

America can no longer tolerate subversive organizations of this kind which threaten the national homogeneity so deeply necessary in this day and time when the Nation is assuming a new role in world affairs.

The Nation owes Governor Arnall a debt of thanks for the forthright and courageous manner in which he has served notice of a new day in Georgia; and it is to be hoped that other Southern and Northern States will lose no time in following suit.

K. K. K. Great Patriotic Order; Grand Dragon Says So Himself

BY WARD MOREHOUSE

ATLANTA, Ga., June 12—(NANA)—Dr. Samuel Green, grand dragon of the Ku Klux Klan in this state, is a redhead. He's a rather wiry fellow, five feet-nine and weighs around 170. He wears glasses, has a very small mustache, is quick and somewhat jumpy of movement and is sententious of speech.

He has been practicing medicine here in Atlanta for 35 years, and he tells you that he makes his living as a doctor, that he Ku Kluxes for the fun of it.

I CALLED upon this man of medicine and Klan executive at 1 sharp, and by appointment, at his offices—nothing at all fancy—but the reception room was still crowded with left-over patients from the morning hours. The nurse-receptionist, answering the telephone every few minutes, turned to me and drawled good-humoredly: "Now I just wish I had a dime for every time this phone rings. And just look at all these people. Why, I tol' Doc Green he would have to buy some more chairs."

In half an hour or so the phone was stilled, the patients were attended and gone, the door was locked and the doctor and I were talking of the Klan. He had made the transition from doctor to grand dragon and was talking as the klan head, minus regalia.

"THE CHIEF CARDINAL principle of the Klan," he said, "is white supremacy. Get this straight. The Klan is a fraternal order. It is not vicious. It does not go in for floggings. It is not anti-Negro, anti-Catholic, anti-Jew. I'm a Presbyterian. What else do you want to know?"

"What's your membership?"

"That's secret, but in round figures we have from 40,000 to 50,000 members in Georgia."

"Is the Klan active outside of Georgia?"

"I would imagine so. I don't know anything about that. I'm only operating the Klan in this state. And get this straight—this is an association of Georgia Klans and it's not the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., that stopped active business in 1944. This has come up since. Our organization is non-profit."

"Aren't you compensated as grand dragon?"

"Not one cent," he snapped. "I don't make any money out of the Klan; the Klan has nothing to fear from the law. I haven't accepted one cent's compensation from the Klan in all the 22 years I've been associated with it. They can't get anything on me. I held office in the old Klan and have been grand dragon since this new organization started."

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"WHAT ARE THE DUES?"

"Dues $6 a year, initiation fee $10, and we have death benefits. A man, to qualify for membership, must be white, native born, a gentile and a Protestant, of sound mind, temperate habits and good character. I'm a surgeon and a general practitioner and a Protestant, but I buy my surgical appliances and my sanitary supplies from a Jew."

He paused, lit a cigaret, leaned forward confidentially and said:

"I know plenty of good Negroes. I treat them for what they are. But I'm not going to try to undo the handiwork of God. The Klan is opposed to social equality between whites and Negroes. White is white and black is black. That's the Klan's stand on the Negro. . . . One of these days the American people are going to find out what the Klan really stands for."

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HE PICKED UP A LARGE stack of mail; letters from all over, he said, and all relating to Klan business. Is the life of the grand dragon ever threatened?

"Of course," he said. "All the time. Plenty of personal threats. Only recently a note from a second lieutenant in Manila saying he was saving United States shells to come back and kill me."

I mentioned the denunciation of the Klan of Gov. Arnall of Georgia and of the general movement to dehood the order.

"They're hitting us because of the masks and the robes," said the dragon. "Let me tell you about them. The mask is used in our ceremonials and initiations just as the hoodwink is used in various fraternal organizations. Nothing sinister about them. Our regalia is never permitted to be worn without permit from the grand dragon. A Klansman has no more right to put on mask and robe without permission than he has to carry a blackjack.

"WE'RE A GOD-FEARING BODY. Every Klan meets every week and every meeting is always opened and closed with prayer. Once or twice a year we have ceremonials and we have to get permits to give them."

"The Klan," I said, "has been getting into the Georgia gubernatorial campaign."

"The Klan," he said sharply, "is not in politics, although it is a body politic. Eugene Talmadge has never been in the Klan."

Another pause, and he was now a little shrill:

"Listen, Morehouse. I'm the grand dragon, the Klan's highest official. I have plenty of Catholic patients and Jewish patients and even Negro patients. Ask these people what kind of doctor I am. These people know what I stand for."

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I MOVED TOWARD THE DOOR.

"I'll go downstairs with you," he said. "I'll buy you a coke."

He reached into a drawer of the receptionist's desk and took out a handful of currency. We started for the elevator.

"Who's going to be elected governor of Georgia next month?" I asked.

The grand dragon of the Ku Klux looked at me for a moment. Then he snapped:

"Talmadge by a landslide."

Just How "Benevolent?"

It is a good thing, of course, that the State of Georgia is going after the Ku Klux Klan.

Every citizen not blinded to cold facts must admit the Klan to be a dangerous, vicious influence in any community. That has been its history.

It bears no more connection to the historic Klan of Forrest's time than does a a buzzard to a blue bird.

It was in 1940 that Dan Duke, named to assist in the investigation, prosecuted and convicted some of the flogging Klansmen. Some of their group murdered Ike Gaston, beating him until he died in a field near East Point, just outside Atlanta. His screams and pleas for mercy still fill the ears of the guilty, who are pretty well known although it was never possible to find evidence to connect them with his murder.

There were confessions made as to other floggings.

They are interesting. One who confessed told about the secret committee to which the Cyclops gave matters for attention he did not wish to come before the membership.

One man thus assumed the power to decide whether to beat or punish his fellow man, in violation of the law and outside the law.

Take a paragraph—"We decided to have some fun that night . . . we took this man out and flogged him . . . I hit him four times . . . Eidson kicked him in the face and hit him over the head with his gun . . . we whipped Toney because he was active in the union . . . Foster kept cursing the union while whipping Toney . . . a masked, secret order ashamed to publish its membership lists, as will other legitimate orders, to do any of our protecting.

City Council belong. At least one of the often-elected State officials, is an old-time Klan lecturer and is a faithful attendant.

Many persons enter thinking it will "protect" them from some possible evil conjured up by the Klan organizers who get a cut of each fee collected. Now is the time for every thoughtful member to quit its ridiculous claptrap. This would include members of Council and the police force. The law protects us. We don't need a masked, secret order ashamed to publish its membership lists, as will other legitimate orders, to do any of our protecting.

Columnist Missionary to Georgia

The Washington columnist whose writings were so valuable to Eugene Talmadge, Esq., in his successful candidacy for the nomination for governor of Georgia has lately been visiting in Atlanta, where he engaged in declamatory and oratorical dissertation upon the "Ku Klux Klan" and Mr. Talmadge. Were this columnist from afar off to excite opposition among colored citizens to set out a candidate against Mr. Talmadge in the general election they would doubtless have encouragement from Georgia's potential scalawag element. In Georgia is raw scalawag material as well as in South Carolina.

Former Ku Klux Klan Wizard Gets $300,000 Back-Taxes Bill

Time Dispatch, Richmond, Va.

WASHINGTON, June 21—(AP)—The United States tax court has handed a bill for more than $300,000 to Hiram W. Evans, former imperial wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, for income taxes for 1937 through 1941. 6-22-46

Evans, of Atlanta, Ga., was held by Judge Samuel B. Hill to be liable for most of the $354,500.83 which the government claimed he owed from profits of a group of road building material companies.

Court records showed Evans paid $8,105.56 in taxes for the years involved. Saturday

Attorneys for the government and for Evans were ordered by Judge Hill to figure the exact amount of taxes due under his 27-page decision.

Left to be decided by the court is the question of whether Evans will be allowed to deduct a reported net loss for 1942 from profits of previous years. 6-22-46

Evans appealed his income tax assessments on grounds that partnerships and companies he formed with members of his family and his secretary were bona fide, and argued that the Bureau of Internal Revenue erred in holding him responsible for all taxes. 6-22-46

Judge Hill ruled that the various partnerships were organized "only as devices to reduce the income taxes of the Evans family."

"He ran these organizations as he pleased, earned the income and shifted the funds from one organization to another as his fancy dictated and also expended it as he chose," the opinion said, adding: Time Dispatch

"None of the members of petitioner's family knew anything about the asphalt business or devoted any appreciable time or attention to the business operations of these enterprises during the taxable years involved."

Evans claimed $40,763 as "business expense" deductions from 1937 through 1941, but the court ruled only 25 per cent of the total could be deducted as "ordinary and necessary." It said "the record is very unsatisfactory as to how this money was spent."

Evans' $1,000-a-month salary and expenses from one company could not be deducted from profits, the court held.

It allowed him $150 in 1940 and $100 in 1941 as deductions for "entertainment" at his country home, Cochran Mill, near Atlanta, but held that approximately $3,200 claimed as an entertainment expense was "spent in replacing a dam that had been washed out by a flood." Richmond, Va.

Given Claim Deductions

Besides allowing him to deduct 25 per cent of his claimed "business expenses," the court ruled Evans was entitled to claim deductions on $985.19 profit on stock, $12.50 contribution to the Atlanta Community Fund, interest payments of $1,575.52 in 1937-38, and stock dividends of $1,025 in 1939-40. Sat 6-22-46

The government contended he owes these amounts: 1937—$49,109; 1938—$2,873; 1939—$8,153; 1940—$236,547; 1941—$51,385.

Companies involved in the Evans partnerships were identified in court records as Southeastern Construction Co., Eastern Construction Co., No. 1; Eastern Construction Co., No. 2; Cooperative Asphalt Association, Highway Construction Co., and Southern Improvement Association. 6-22-46

Most of the companies' records listed as Evans' partners, Mrs. Ellen B. Evans, his wife; Cecil Evans, their son; Martha Evans Wood and Ellin E. Gottenstrater, their daughters; Dr. J. B. Hill, Dallas, Texas, his brother-in-law and Mrs. M. S. Vines, his secretary.

Atlanta Police in Klan

Editor, The Journal: Congratulations on your campaign to divorce Ku Kluxery from our law enforcement agencies!

You may be interested to know:

1. It is openly boasted in Atlanta klaverns that "practically all" members of the city, county and state police forces are Klansmen. While this is a typical bit of Ku Klux exaggeration, there is enough truth in it for public alarm. For instance, 36 policemen were initiated into Atlanta Klan No. 1 on April 1st.

2. It has also been said in the klaverns that the entire city police commission is linked in the "unfailing bond" of the Klan. This, too, is undoubtedly an exaggeration, but the members of the commission ought to declare themselves.

3. At times police members of the Klan have been sent out from klavern meetings to investigate alleged "trespassing" by Negroes, and have come back to report to the klavern.

4. Policemen who have killed Negroes have been sent letters of congratulation by the Klan.

5. The Klan has been urging its members to pack city police courtrooms during trials involving Negroes.

6. I am enclosing a photostatic copy of a Klan membership application handed out by a policeman in uniform at the Stone Mountain klam-bake; it bears his signature.

7. I am also enclosing a photograph (not for publication) showing a policeman in uniform among the Klan initiates at Stone Mountain.

The names of a considerable number of Kop-Klansmen are in the hands of the proper authorities.

JACK ROBINSON.

Stone Mountain.

DREW PEARSON AND THE MOUNTAIN

Drew Pearson's sensational radio broadcast from the top of Stone Mountain apparently will not come off after all. The ownership of the famous mountain has decided against the Pearson publicity plan, stating that such notoriety would not be in keeping with the majesty of the mountain. Thurs.

In announcing that Pearson will not be allowed to broadcast in July as proposed, the management of Stone Mountain declared that henceforth the Klan will be barred from the premises. The owners are tired, said their spokesmen, of having their property used as a sounding board in the growing storm over Georgia Klanism. From now on the mountain can be used only for picnics and similar social gatherings. 6-20-46

All of which is perfectly proper so far as it goes. But the fact is that in the mind of the public, Stone Mountain has already become identified with the Klan. It recently got tremendous publicity from a magazine article which pictured a klan meeting there. To throw a monkey wrench into the works now is for the owners to appear somewhat sympathetic to the Klan. They allowed their property to be used as a meeting place up to a few days ago, and were not averse to whatever publicity such meetings brought. Besides, what is to prevent the Atlanta den of the Ku Klux from holding a weekly "picnic" or some "similar social gathering" on the mountain just as they have been doing?

Tenn. Papers Hit KKK Konklave

New York Amsterdam News

N. Y. N.

KNOXVILLE (ANP)—A smash-the-Klan move advocated here last week in an editorial appearing in the News Sentinel, a local white daily, following the recent KKK "Konklave" atop Stone Mountain.

"The Klan has dug its white sheets out of the mothballs," the editorial said. "Men of intolerance, bigotry, ignorance and criminal intent are preparing once more to become a law unto themselves. Some 20 years ago, when the Ku Klux Klan was driven out, some one predicted it would return when another crop of suckers was ready for the harvest. Apparently, the Klan leadership figures that time has arrived. 6-1-46

"Perhaps they looked around and among other things noted recent acts of bigotry and intolorance right here in Tennessee and interpreted those events as signs that the sucker crop is ripe. If Klan activities were confined to fleecing a few thousand suckers, it would not be so outrageous. But, its history is one of murder, rape thievery, prostitution of public trust and mob violence of the most vicious kind. Sat.

"Americans must not let the Klan come to life again. There is no place in this country for White Shirts, who are as dangerously totalitarian as were Hitler's Brown Shirts and Mussolini's Black Shirts."

THE SOUTH

Again, the Klan Monday

Atlanta, before the war, was headquarters for a profitable national business in hocus-pocus for race-prejudiced joiners: the Ku Klux Klan. Since the war, it has been no secret in Georgia that the K[illegible] was trying to come back in a big [illegible]. In the past eight months there have been cross-burnings atop Stone Mountain. But secrecy is a part of the Klan's appeal—and the Kluxers kept their affairs to themselves. Chicago, Ill.

Last week they decided to put on a show of strength, invited the public (in newspaper ads) to come to an initiation party. About 2,000 responded, clambered to the treeless, rock-strewn peak at night. They saw some 700 men wearing white, hooded sheets, and one who wore a rich green robe. When the Grand Dragon took off his mask he was, as everybody well knew, Dr. Samuel Green, a middle-aged, small-mustached Atlanta physician.

Stone Mountain was well lighted: cans of inflammable fuel had been placed in niches in its rounded mile-long face, to form a fiery cross some 300 feet high. It was visible for many miles. 5-20-46

The initiates—about 500 men and a few women—knelt before the Grand Dragon, and were thus granted (at $10 a head) the right to wear sheets and masks. Cried Grand Dragon Green: "We are revived."

Liberation of Georgia

The News Courier Charleston, S.C.

Ellis Arnall, Esq., Liberator of the Georgians, "renews his promise to run the hooded order out of Georgia", and The News and Courier wishes him success in running the members from under their hoods. The bulwark of Georgia's defense says further that he has received more "serious" threats from them, and we adventure the opinion that the Federal Bureau of Investigation and most of the police, of every description, in Georgia, are privately mobilized for the safety of Mr. Arnall and are watchful of it. Ellis Arnall, Esq., is, at this time, the best life insurance risk in the United States, and we hope his premiums will be reduced accordingly. Monday 6-9-46

Home-Grown Swastika

Sirs: Time - Monday

Before the war criminals have been tried, and while America preaches its doctrines of democracy to a war-weary world . . . the Ku Klux Klan in Atlanta, Ga. can advertise publicly, attract a crowd of 2,000, and gain 500 new initiates [TIME, May 20]. How can the fiery cross be considered in any other light than as a home-grown swastika, when it stands for the promotion of racial supremacy? [illegible]

In Germany when the symptoms showed, are in their final resting places, the beer hall theater, and I'm tired of war; but not too before we all have to trade our pens in on tired, now or ever, to fight for freedom for our guns again!

WELTON I. TAYLOR

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stop, except by involving a whole world in its [illegible] in Georgia.

supremacy? [illegible]

the disease was already too far advanced to [illegible] Munich has moved to Stone Mountain

Wants To Help Atlanta Constitution

I can't help these fights by buying bonds like the civilians did to help the war effort, but as a Christian I can pray for the downfall of the KKK, and as a citizen I am backing by absentee ballot.

HENRY W. BIRDSONG, JR.
U. S. Hospital.
Treasure Island, Cal.

I just lay here and read about it in those two battles in Georgia—there's a lot of interest out here in Georgia—here's hoping that Georgia lives up to her name as the Empire State, in the outcome of those battles. 9-21-46

Editor Constitution: I know how the 4Fs must have felt during the war now. Here I am laying in the hospital on Treasure Island, reading that Gov. Arnall has declared war on the KKK, and reading about the political campaign that is going on in Georgia, and I can't get there to help in either fight. There's a lot of interest out here in Georgia—here's hoping that Georgia lives up to her name as the Empire State, in the outcome of those battles.

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Georgians Further Score Klan; Pastors Speak Out

ATLANTA—(ANP)—For the second time in his major campaign speeches, gubernatorial candidate, James V. Carmichael, of Marieta, last week vigorously attacked the Ku Klux Klan. The attack came as Gov. Ellis Arnall called upon the State's Attorney General to investigate the sheet-wearing American fascist organization and to proceed with any possible action against activities. Atlanta white ministers generally condemned the reviving Klan from their pulpits on "I Am An American Day."

DEPLORES RACE ANTAGONISM

Candidate Carmichael lashed at the Klan's influence in the two adminstrations of former Governors E. D. Rivers and Eugene Talmadge. Said Carmichael:

"Georgia cannot have prosperity if the Governor uses tax money to endow the imperial wizard of the Ku Klux Klan. Georgia cannot have prosperity when race is arrayed against race and class against class."

Speaking in Vienna, the candidate added:

'You in Dooly County never had any racial and class trouble before. And you won't have it now unless gubernatorial candidates succeed in stirring it up. Your sons went to foreign soil to fight a dictator in Europe a dictator whose power was built on fears. A gubernatorial candidate in Georgia has the Ku Klux Klan trying to stir up such fears as those upon which the European dictatorship was built."

The only real issue in the campaign, Carmichael said, is whether the people want a continuation of good government or turn back to the rule of red suspenders and the Ku Klux Klan.

FEARS GROUNDLESS

On the racial issue, Mr. Carmichael said:

"It is a shame for any man to try to stir up strife between the races in this State. They would like to see some race riots break out just to prove their points. I do not have the power to reverse a decision of the Supreme Court of the United States. Neither does any other man.

"The claim that Negroes will enter white schools in Georgia and racial barriers will be broken down is a lot of poppycock. The Negroes do not want it and the white people would not stand for it. The war in which so many Georgia boys gave their lives was started by a dictator who stirred up hatred against one race. The storm troopers of Germany egged that war on just as the Ku Klux Klan is doing in Georgia today for another dictator."

Meanwhile, race-baiting, red suspender-snapping Gene Talmadge called on the white voters of Georgia to elect him and show the people of the world that the white man is supreme in Georgia.

In his pulpit at Druid Hills Baptist Church, the newly elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention, Dr. Louis D. Newton, declared that the cross "is not to be burned, but borne. It is not something to be exploited but experienced."

MASK IN COWARD'S CLOAK

Dr. Edward G. Mackey, pastor of Glenn Memorial Methodist Church, declared: "A mask is not the symbol of courage, it is the cloak of a coward, the livery of the robber and assassin."

Dr. Wallace M. Alston, pastor of Druid Hills Presbyterian Church, said that the Christian people of Georgia should deal with the resurgence of the Klan movement honestly and courageously.

The Methodist Ministers' Association passed a resolution which deplored "any effort on the part of any person or group to stir up racial prejudice for political or any other purpose among our people in Georgia."

At Peachtree Road Methodist Church, Dr. Nat D. Long declared that the Klan "has no place in our American life." He further stated that "every decent citizen should use his power to create a public opinion that would shame these unsportsmanlike, un-American, un-Christian wizards, kleagles, goblins, dragons, cyclops, kludds, kalbees and night hawks out of existence."

The Georgia Council of Churchwomen passed a resolution deploring the injection of race as a political issue.

Definition

Editor Constitution: The following definition may be found in Funk & Wagnalls Standard Dictionary: "White Cap, (U. S.) One of a lawless organization of men, who, under the pretense of regulating public morals, inflict cruelties upon individuals who have incurred their ill will, so called from the white caps or hoods worn by them."

This is the first time I have ever heard of this organization but evidently they enjoy a similar reputation to the KKK.

ROBERT J. KUZELL.
Atlanta.

The Washington

Merry-Go-Round

By Drew Pearson

KKK Probe?

IT HAS BEEN a closely guarded secret, but the House un-American Committee has actually voted not to investigate the Ku Klux Klan.

The vote was taken shortly after Congressman Thomas D'Alessandro, jr., of Baltimore had demanded an investigation, and three days after Republican Representative Gerald Landis of Indiana had given Dixie Committee members apoplexy by telling reporters that the KKK would be investigated.

At the next committee meeting, Chairman John S. Wood of Georgia brought up the Klan and asked the committee what it wanted to do.

Mississippi's rootin' - tootin' John Rankin immediately put his foot down against any real probe of the Klan.

"There's no sense sending anyone down to Georgia to investigate the Klan," Rankin insisted. "If you want to know about the Klan the thing to do is to call the Grand Kleague up here to Washington and have him appear before the committee."

To this, liberal Representative John Murdock of Arizona was opposed. Too often, he knew, the committee had served as a sounding board to give un-American witnesses extra publicity.

"Let's not bring anyone up from Atlanta to use this committee as a public platform," Murdock argued. "We've seen in the past how various opportunists like to appear before this committee because it gives them a chance to get a million dollars worth of free publicity and promotion. I'm against that sort of a show."

Representative J. Will Robinson of Utah, who dislikes his assignment so much that he voted against additional funds for the un-American Committee, seconded Murdock. He thought the KKK should be probed on the spot in Georgia.

Rankin, seeing that he could not get away with providing a platform for the Klan, then made this remarkable statement.

"After all," he said, "the Klan is a completely American institution, and its members are Americans. That's not what this committee was set up to study. Our job is to investigate foreign isms and alien organizations."

This amazing statement went unchallenged. Other members of the committee knew it was hopeless to argue.

Chairman Wood of Georgia then called for a voice vote, and it was decided that the Klan will not be investigated.

Favoring a thorough investigation were Robinson and Murdock. Landis of Indiana neither spoke on the subject nor registered any opposition to dropping the probe. His vote might have swung the balance. Wood of Georgia, Rankin of Mississippi, and J. Hardin Peterson of Florida were dead set against the investigation. Not present were Democrat Herbert Bonner of North Carolina and Republican J. Parnell Thomas of New Jersey.

Klan Promises Fight For Charter In Georgia

Atlanta, June 21 (AP)—Promise of a show-down fight over the State of Georgia's legal battle to tear up the Ku Klux Klan's charter developed today as the hooded order said in effect it would scrap it out with the State.

Georgia's Legal Department filed quo warranto proceedings yesterday to dissolve the Klan's charter and Attorney General Eugene Cook stressed again today that the court action was intended to be an all-out fight against the Klan everywhere.

Morgan S. Belser, who said he was an attorney for the Ku Klux Klan., Inc., said he would file an answer to the State's suit "at the proper time."

Belser Listed As Secretary.

Belser is listed on the Klan's charter as secretary.

Attorney General Cook, commenting on remarks from officials in Kentucky that they intended to oust the Klan, said if Georgia's suit were successful other States could very simply do away with Klan operations.

He pointed out that the Klan is incoporated as a national organization in Georgia and if the charter is dissolved that automatically would clip its operations in the rest of the country.

Minister, Flogged in 1939, Wants to Join Fight on Klan

ATLANTA, June 18—(AP)—A Church of God minister, his back still carrying marks of a flogging, offered his services to the State today in its fight to break up the Klan in Georgia.

The Rev. Grady P. Kent, who was hit 60 times with big whips by nearby East Point floggers in 1939, walked into the office of Assistant Attorney-General Dan Duke and told him he wanted to join the fight against the Klan.

The Rev. Kent said it was his first return to Georgia in seven years. He walks slowly because of permanent injuries which he said were brought about when the floggers lashed him.

He told Duke members of the Klan visited him recently at his church in Knoxville, Tenn., and tried to force him to deny that Klansmen had beaten him at East Point.

The minister said his callers claimed they wanted his denial "for the record," and to clear the name of the hooded order. He said he refused their request even after they told him "we have 10,000 members in Knoxville alone."

The Rev. Kent was pastor at the Park Church of God near Atlanta Klavern is, he said, insisting he did not made a single comgh about the Klan to to any appointments I here when the masked band took ion on it, he said he him from a restaurant where he ove any good order if was eating and whipped him.

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'Quick, Henry,' the Flit

Editor Constitution: What's this? Kluxers on the police force? The guardians of our law a pack of cowards swathed in dirty sheets?

"Oh, Judgment, thou art fled to brutish beasts and men have lost their reason." Are there no standards set for appointment to the force? Or are they so low that this vile scum can seep in? This is no group to guard a democratic law. This is the Gestapo.

It is time now for action against this threat to Atlanta's well-being and reputation. Fascism does not spring up full grown in Germany or in Italy alone. It spawned and nurtured in cellars and in back rooms, and yes, even on mountain tops in Georgia. And the surest way to stop it is to be on constant guard against it, and when it sticks its head out into the sunlight to scotch it for the snake it is. That's what the police force is for. That's the kind of force Atlanta needs — not a bunch of misguided illiterates who lay their weapons at the feet of the dragon.

Now those in charge ought to take immediate steps to salvage what is left of the integrity of the force; or will they wait until Fuehrer Talmadge takes over?

But until that uncertain time comes, "Quick, Henry, the Flit."

E. McGOWAN, JR.
Atlanta.

PEARSON'S CHARGES DENIED BY TALMADGE

SANTA MONICA, Calif., July 22 (U.P.)—Eugene Talmadge, here for a vacation after his recent nomination as Governor of Georgia, took time out to appear a tolerant view of Ku Klux Klan activities. He did not know enough about the Atlanta Klavern as is, he said, insisting he did not made a single comgh about the Klan to to any appointments I here when the masked band took ion on it, he said he him from a restaurant where he ove any good order if was eating and whipped him.

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Duke Charges Atlanta Police Klan Members

Daily World, Atlanta, Ga.
Sat. 6-15-46

COMMERCE, Ga.— (SNS) —Numerous officers of the Atlanta Police Department are members of the Ku Klux Klan, it was charged here Thursday night by Assistant Attorney General Dan Duke.

Mr. Duke said that 38 uniformed policemen were present at a June 3 meeting of the Klan's Atlanta Post No. 1 and that the policemen and other armed members took off their pistols and laid them at the feet of Grand Dragon Samuel Green. Sat 6-15-46

Eleven officers were present at another meeting and the Klan boasted that if any of its members were arrested in Atlanta the Klan would see they were soon released, the official declared to a gathering of the Kiwanis Club here.

The speaker said that at a meeting in March the Klan predicted race riots would break out shortly before the gubernatorial election and boasted the Klan had been promised it would be allowed the riots in its own manner. Also, the assistant attorney general quoted the Klan as boasting that the Klan would be permitted to handle the riots even before police were called.

BOASTS DOUBTED

The Official said he did not believe half the Klan's boasts and that he thought they were spread to make the Klan appear a powerful and influential organization.

Mr. Duke did say that "What I do know as true is the number of Atlanta policemen who are Klan members." Daily World

Referring to the June 3 meeting Duke said instructions were given as how to vote in the Fulton County Primary the next day. Members were ordered, it was stated, to vote against the County Manager system because some members of the Klan might lose their jobs. Sat.

Atlanta and Fulton County police heads have denied knowing specifically of members of their departments being members of the Klan, but said that if they were there was nothing that could be done about it, since they classed the Klan with any other fraternal body.

KLAN ISSUE GROWS IN GEORGIA POLL

Times New York N.Y.

Candidates for Governor Put It in Campaign as State Moves to 'De-Hood' Order

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

ATLANTA, May 31 — Daniel Duke, assistant attorney general, said today the "dual personality" of the Ku Klux Klan with the Georgia Grand Dragon, Samuel Green denying any link between his "Association of Georgia Klans" and the "Ku Klux Klan, Inc.," would not interfere with the State's efforts to "de-hood" the order.

The present Klan group is "the ragtag and bobtail of the old order and their claiming to be different will not interfere with the legal procedure contemplated in any way," Mr. Duke asserted.

The assistant attorney general was appointed yesterday to head an investigation of Klan activities after a directive from Governor Arnall had instructed Attorney General Eugene Cook to began quo warranto proceedings against the Ku Klux Klan to revoke its charter in Georgia. 6-1-46

Property Will Be Sought

Meanwhile, Marion Allen, Collector of Internal Revenue, who yesterday filed a $685,305 Federal tax lien against Ku Klux Klan, Inc., said that his office had started a search for any sizable property of the order. The United States Government charges that the Klan owes the $685,305 for income taxes in 1921 through 1924 and for 1926. Ref.

Green's statement that the present-day Klan has no connection with Ku Klux Klan, Inc., was made in commenting on the Federal tax lien. Dr. Green, a physician here, said that his association of Georgia Klans was "purely voluntary and fraternal."

The Georgia Secretary of State reported no charter had been issued for such an organization and that the only Klan charter on file is that of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., first issued in 1916 and made active again in March this year, when registration fees from 1940 through 1946 were paid.

The charter lists James A. Colescott of Miami, as president. Mr. Colescott, as Imperial Wizard, announced, in 1944, that the old "invisible empire" had been disbanded.

Issue Gets into Campaign

Meanwhile the Klan issue in the Gugernatorial campaign, previously considered important by candidates because Negroes will, for the first time, be permitted to vote in the July 17 primary, appeared to have been revived with fresh vigor.

James A. Carmichael, a lawyer, of Marietta, in an address before students at Georgia Tech and Emory University, pledged his efforts "to unmask the Klan and publish its membership so that they can answer for their crimes."

Former Gocernor Talmadge, who is campaigning on a platform calling for restoration of the white primary, declared in an address at Perry, that "white supremacy is the only issue in this campaign."

Previously, Mr. Talmadge had said he would welcome votes of Klansmen or any other group in favor of white supremacy. This statement followed reports the Klan would support the former Governor. Sat.

Former Governor Rivers, the third leading candidate in the gubernatiorial campaign, has not made Negro voting an issue and has had nothing to say about the Klan. 6-1-46

Sabath Asks Investigation

WASHINGTON, May 31—Representative Adolph J. Sabath of Illinois, chairman of the Rules Committee, called on the Committee on Un-American Activities today to investigate the Ku Klux Klan.

Developments in the situation, he said, should suffice to change the opinion of Representative Rankin, Democrat, of Mississippi, that no un-American organization exists in Georgia.

Green Invokes Arnall's Aid Against Klan

Union Man Flogged, Governor Is Told

9 pints — Dispatch

WASHINGTON, June 14.—(UP)—AFL President William Green tonight initiated a protest to Governor Ellis Arnall, of Georgia, because of the alleged kidnapping and beating of a Negro worker by four men who identified themselves as members of the Ku Klux Klan.

The AFL said the worker, Willie Dudley, had been beaten with a rubber hose because he refused to resign from the United Cement Lime and Gypsum Workers Union (AFL). Green announced he had ordered George Googe, director of the AFL Southern organizing drive, to present a formal protest to Arnall. 6-15-46

An AFL statement said Dudley was abducted June 9 while doing excavation work for the P. W. Martin Clay Co., in Twiggs County, Ga.

Green called the case "un-American and reprehensible" and said he would consult AFL Counsel Joseph A. Padway on whether the Justice Department should be asked to investigate.

Abduction Charged

The AFL said the abduction occurred after an organizing campaign among the company's employees. It said reports had been received from William Schanburg, international president of the union, and Felix C. Jones, union business representative. According to one report, it was said, "on June 7, two employees of the company, identified as N. E. Kinchen and B. P. Humphries, visited Dudley at his home and tried unsuccessfully to prevail upon him to sign a written, notarized notification of his resignation from the union. Richmond

"About 1 A. M., June 9, four masked men appeared at his job and, brandishing pistols, handcuffed Dudley and carried him away," Jones reported. "James G. Upshaw, treasurer of the Gordon local, witnessed the kidnapping, which occurred in Twiggs County.

"Dudley was carried into Wilkinson County and severely beaten with a rubber hose. He was told by these men they were Ku Klux Klansmen, that they were beating him because he would not get out of the union and that if he told anyone who they were they would return and kill him. Diana

"They also told him they intended to keep the Negroes from joining the union and for him to tell the union representative they would get him next. After beating Dudley, they brought him back near his job and left him. Dudley knows who these four men were and has positively identified at least one of them."

The AFL said Jones reported that he would file unfair labor practices charge against the company. He was said to have submitted evidence "indicating that an organized campaign had been undertaken by several former members of the union with the encouragement of the company to prevail upon its members to resign." 6-15-46 Sat.

Jones also reported, the AFL said, that the Twiggs and Wilkinson County sheriffs had promised to investigate the case.

GEORGIA KLAN CURB TO BE MORAL ONLY

New York Times

Governor Arnall Indicates Move to Rescind Charter Is to End Official Aegis

New York

By HAROLD B. HINTON

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

ATLANTA, Ga., June 21—Gov. Ellis G. Arnall made clear today that Georgia's action against the Ku Klux Klan would be limited in its effect to the moral zone. The quo warranto proceedings begun yesterday by the State's law officers were directed solely to rescission of the Georgia charter of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., a legal entity which has been defunct more than two years and the assets of which are estimated to be slightly above $100.

The Governor directed Attorney General Eugene Cook and Assistant Attorney General Dan Duke to take necessary steps to remove the cloak of official protection and approval of the organization, largely for the psychological effect it would have on potential members.

Nothing is projected to interfere with the public demonstrations by unchartered Klans, such as the one held on Stone Mountain in May, and Governor Arnall believes that such demonstrations are protected, as long as orderly, by constitutional guarantees of freedom of assembly, whether participants wear hoods or not. Sat 6 22-46

State Officials Not Worried

On the practical side, it is obvious that State officials now in office do not regard the Klan as any great menace to good order. Their interest lies in its potentialities, and these are not considered sufficiently great to warrant any drastic action in the midst of the bitterly contested Gubernatorial primary campaigns which will be waged until July 17.

The trush seems to be that the Klan's membership in the state is small and unorganized, following the inactivation of the national organization on April 23, 1944, by action of the Imperial Klonvocation, highest legislative body of the Klan.

The Imperial Klonvocation voided all charters for member Klans, vacated all offices and abrogated all authority of officials and obligations of members. It left a board of five directors to keep alive the charter the state now seeks to rescind. Of the five directors, only James A. Colescott, former Imperial Wizard, and Morgan S. Belser, of Atlanta, are known.

Even those who attach the least importance to the Klan's present strength in Georgia feel that its membership would increase materially in the event that Eugene Talmadge, whose only campaign issue thus far has been "white supremacy," or E. D. Rivers, who has charged both his rivals with being members of the Klan, should win the Democratic nomination for Governor. There is a certain residue of intolerance, bigotry and bitterness in the Georgia electorate, and this vote is expected to go to Mr. Talmadge.

This same school of thought, however, believes that James V. Carmichael will be chosen at the Democratic primary in a sort of protest victory, intended rather to repudiate Mr. Talmadge for the political sins of his three previous administrations, and of Mr. Rivers for the shortcomings of his two prior terms as Governor.

Tax Ruling Soon on Dr. Evans

WASHINGTON, June 21 (UP)— The United States Tax Court will soon make a final ruling on almost $350,000 of income tax deficiencies charged against Dr. Hiram W. Evans of Atlanta, former Imperial Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, it was revealed today.

The court said the case has involved no criminal action. In its original findings, the court accused Dr. Evans of violating anti-trust laws, to which he pleaded no contendere in 1041 and paid a $15,000 fine.

"From these names." Arnall said, "the grand dragon is to draw two and the Federal Bureau of investigation advised me that these two, unknown to each other and to anyone else, except the grand dragon, are to be given a job of taking care of five klansmen here had decided to instigate the plot by having Arnall scoffed at the idea, saying: "Of course, the wholeedly sworn to in Miami, Fla., by thing is silly, but merely shows to what great lengths the Ku Kluxperial wizard.

Klan Plot Against Arnall Uncovered By Federal Agents

Atlanta, June 21.—(AP)—Governor Ellis Arnall said today that the drawn by lots from each klavern or chapter.

Meanwhile, promise of a showdown fight over Georgia's legal battle to tear up the Klan's charter developed today as the hooded order said in effect it would scrap it out with the state.

Georgia's legal department filed quo warranto proceedings yesterday to dissolve the Klan's charter and Attorney General Eugene Cook stressed again today that the court action was intended to be an all-out fight against the Klan everywhere.

Morgan S. Belser, who called himself an attorney for the Klan, said he would file an answer to the state's suit "at the proper time".

The tall and quiet-spoken Belser, who is listed on the Klan's charter as secretary, did not elaborate on what steps he intends to take in fighting back at legal attempts to rip up his organization.

Belser gave out information about his intention to go to court over the suit at a press conference, issuing both prepared and dictated statements to reporters.

The attorney said he represented the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., and he did not know whether the legal proceedings were served on him as secretary. The suit was filed against the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, avoiding mention of any corporation.

GEORGIA ORDERS ACTION TO REVOKE CHARTER OF KLAN

Federal Lien Also Put on File to Collect Income Taxes Dating Back to 1921

ARNALL REPORTS THREATS

Governor Warns of a Special Session if Needed to Enact 'De-Hooding' Measures

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

ATLANTA, Ga., May 30—Governor Ellis Arnall today ordered the State's legal department into action seeking to revoke the Georgia charter of the Ku Klux Klan.

At the same time, the United States Collector of Internal Revenue in Atlanta filed a Federal tax lien against "Ku Klux Klan, Inc.," in Fulton County (Atlanta) Superior Court or $685,305 allegedly due the Government in income taxes for the years 1921 through 1924 and for 1946.

Governor Arnall's directive instructed Attorney General Eugene Cook to bring quo warranto proceedings against the Klan to do away with its charter. The Governor asserted that if efforts through the courts were unsuccessful he might call an extraordinary session of the Legislature to enact laws to "de-hood" the Klan "and prohibit activities which the General Assembly might determine to be detrimental to the public good."

Tells of Phone Threats

The Governor said he had received numerous anonymous phone calls during the last two weeks.

"They say they are going to get me," he said. "I don't know what for. These anonymous callers tell me that the Klan is not accustomed to having public officials interfere with its activities in Georgia."

Governor Arnall also ordered the attorney general to seek assistance of the Federal Department of Justice, suggesting that FBI agents may have already assembled information that would help Georgia in its efforts to outlaw the Klan.

Soon after the Governor's directive had been issued, Attorney General Cook said that the entire legal staff of the State law department would work with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation in a thorough probe of Klan activities.

Mr. Cook appointed assistant Attorney General Daniel Duke to head the inquiry for the law department. The Attorney General said quo warranto proceedings would be filed as soon as evidence was sufficient "to justify the filing of such a suit."

Governor Arnall's directive to the Attorney General listed six charges which he said could be brought against the Klan to show the hooded order had violated its charter. The directive stated in part:

"I am officially directing you to bring quo warranto proceedings against the Ku Klux Klan.

"My information is that the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., is incorporated in Fulton County, Georgia, with authority to function throughout the United States as a patriotic, secret, social benevolent order. . . . Jurely benevolent and eleemosynary, and there shall be no capital stock or profit or gain to the members thereof."

"It is my further information that on June 4, 1944, the Ku Klux Klan suspended its corporate activities, but that on March 21, 1946, the Klan filed with the Secretary of the State of Georgia a certificate of corporate registration for the Knights of Ku Klux Klan, Inc., paying the required fee covering corporate activities for 1941-46, inclusive. It seems that the charter of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., can be revoked on a number of grounds, among others, the following:

"1. Violation of its nonprofit charter. The Klan has been found to have been operating for profit by the United States Treasury Department and was assessed some $700,000 in taxes by the United States Government for the period 1915-41.

"2. Violation of its nonpolitical corporate charter. The Klan has been and is engaged in political activities. It is a well-known fact that its present chief political occupation is the Gubernatorial contest in this State. The evidence and photostatic documentations can be secured.

"3. Misrepresentation by the Klan of its purposes upon incorporation in 1915 and reincorporation in 1935, for it has exceeded its corporate powers in a number of ways.

"4. The Klan has been and is engaged in unlawful activities. These activities are aimed at the destruction of civil liberties as guaranteed by the State and Federal Constitutions. Accordingly, the Klan is not entitled to the protective cloak of incorporation and the privileges thereof, which said protection and privileges are available for lawful activities only.

"5. The Klan has violated the criminal laws of this State. Accordingly, its charter can be revoked. There is abundant evidence of such illegal activities available.

"6. The Klan is not a bona fide fraternal organization but exists primarily for the purpose of arousing, fostering, promoting and effectuating prejudice, hatred and intolerance through the concerted action of its members.

"This is not a purpose for which a Georgia corporation may be organized or for which it may exist.

"I am sending a copy of this communication to Maj. William E. Spence of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, with the request that his department assist you in securing evidence to use in a quo warranto suit against the Klan.

"I also request that you confer with the Attorney General of the United States about this atcion. I would not be surprised if the FBI does not have agents to join the Klan to obtain information as to its activities. I am sure that should the Department of Justice have such information it would be afforded to you for your use.

"If action in the courts is unavailing it may be necessary to convoke the General Assembly in extraordinary session to de-hood the Klan and prohibit activities which the General Assembly might determine to be detrimental to the public good."

State Probe To Reveal Link of Old, New Klans?

Any effort of the State to probe into the status of the Ku Klux Klan may reveal the true link between the "old Klan" which went out of business when Uncle Sam started trying to collect about $700,000 in income taxes and the "new Klan," which some of its members say is not a continuation of the old organization.

The investigation also should reveal whether the operation is under the charter of the Klan or whether, as it is claimed, the Klan now is just an "association."

Grand Dragon Samuel Green, in an interview with a Constitution reporter two weeks ago, disclosed the dodge the Klan may take in the event it is deprived of its legal standing.

"Klansmen today are members of the Association of Georgia Klans, a voluntary, unincorporated organization," Green asserted. "The Association of Georgia Klans has absolutely no connection with the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., except for the principles for which it stands.

"All members of the Association of Georgia Klans have been relieved of both spiritual and financial responsibility to the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.

"The Ku Klux Klan, Inc., which received its charter in Georgia, suspended its activity in 1944 as a national organization. It did not dissolve, as so many persons think; It still has a board of officers which takes care of any business which the corporation may have."

The "suspension" of the activities of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., occurred two years ago following an edict from Imperial Wizard James Colescott, who is now believed to be living in Florida. Colescott's edict is alleged to have been made when the Ku Klux Klan was faced with the possibility of having to pay approximately $700,000 in Federal taxes.

DUES ARE COLLECTED

The Association of Georgia Klans, although claiming to be unincorporated, continues to collect initiation fees and dues, Green stated. It also operates a death benefit policy for its members, he added.

Even if the charter of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., is revoked, it is possible the Association of Georgia Klans may claim a constitutional right of assembly and continue to hold its secret and public "Klonklaves."

Meanwhile, the Atlanta Klans appeared to be planning another "naturalization" ceremony similar to that which took place May 9 on Stone Mountain. Information from several sources indicates the Atlanta Klans hope to initiate another group of knights this June, either in the City Auditorium or at Lakewood Park. An attendent advertising and ballyhoo program will precede the ceremony, it was said.

KLAN CHIEF ASSERTS ARNALL JOINED IN '42

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Sept. 3—Gov. Ellis Arnall of Georgia, despite repeated denials, has been a member of the Ku Klux Klan since 1942 when he paid for a life membership, Samuel Green, grand dragon, declared following a Labor Day initiation which drew 1,200 hooded, white-robed Klansmen to Maryville, Tenn., Monday night.

Asserting that Mr. Arnall's defeat in the recent election was the result of his opposition to the Klan, the national chief of the KKK, declared:

"The opposition which the Klan has encountered in Georgia, and the threats to revoke our national charter are purely political moves."

The meeting in downtown Maryville, held opposite the city jail, was a complete surprise to the public, although it followed a series of cross burnings in Knoxville and near-by towns.

The initiation exercises followed an all-day session attended by more than 1,000 Klansmen in a secluded country spot near McTeer Springs, eleven miles from Knoxville. Klansment from this city, Lenoir City and Johnson City attended the meeting, and members of both men and women were made members.

Lashing of Negro Vet Laid to Klan 'Kavaliers'

Atlanta, Ga., June 7 (UP)—Assistant State Attorney General Dan Duke, who strode into court with a bull whip six years ago to convict the Ku Klux Klan on a similar charge, today accused the modern "Knights" of lashing a 21-year-old Negro Navy veteran 52 times at gunpoint.

At the same time secret more inclined to suspect robbery operatives of the Georgia Bureau or a woman as the motive rather of Investigation picked up clews than Klan vengeance.

that turned them to the investi- Dr. Samuel Green, grand gation of an unsolved year-old dragon of the Klan in Georgia, murder of a Negro taxicab driver, said it was "preporterous" to link

The body of middle-aged Por- the Klan with either case. He ter F. Turner, a cabby, was found asserted he would not be surin front of a doctor's fashionable prised to find that his order had suburban home last August. been blamed for setting the La-

Grand Dragon Scoffs. Salle Hotel afire in Chicago.

But state agents, who had

Police said today that every worked themselves into the Kavmeans of solving the crime had alier Club—which they described been pursued, but the case is as the Klan's "strong-arm squad still a mystery. Officers were for rough work"—said they had

Victim's Name Withheld.

The name of the flogging victim was not revealed by Duke. The Negro was employed as a bellhop by an Atlanta hotel, he said.

The prosecutor said the Negro told him he was accosted the night of February 13 by four men who stopped him in an Atlanta suburb and forced him into their car at gunpoint.

After asking the Negro where he worked, one of the men said, according to Duke, "We're going to beat the hell out of you."

Two other cars joined the first and he was whisked out of town to a lonely spot and then forced to fall to his hands and knees. In that position, the men gave him 62 lashes with nine men gave him 62 lashes with a leather whip.

He could not identify his tormentors, but said one remarked that he had seen a white man struck by a Negro

Klan Death Peril Defied by Arnall; FBI Uncovers Plot

By JOHN COURIC

Gov. Arnall bared a well-organized Ku Klux Klan plot against his life yesterday and named an Atlanta agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation as the source of his information.

The Governor revealed the plot in a statement denying ever having held membership in the Klan, an allegation made in a photostatic copy of an affidavit sworn to by James Colescott as Imperial Wizard of the Klan.

In commenting on the affidavit, the Governor added "If the Klan will resort to murder, there can be no question but that its Imperial Wizard and its members will resort to blackmail, perjury and lies to undertake to stop the fight that Georgia is making and will continue to make against it."

The affidavit copy was obtained yesterday after a long period of rumors that such a paper existed and constituted "the ace card" of candidates opposing James V. Carmichael in the race for Governor.

The affidavit against Arnall and another, saying that Colescott and Gubernatorial Candidate James V. Carmichael had conferred, were scheduled to be released after the Governor's statewide radio broadcast Saturday night on "The State of the State," it was learned.

Political observers said that such action was planned in an attempt to counteract anything Arnall might reveal about the two ex-Governors who are seeking another term in office.

The second affidavit by Colescott did not even claim that Carmichael had been sent an honorary card. It simply said he had been consulted. At the beginning of the gubernatorial campaign, Carmichael reported he had refused an honorary card from Klan members.

In regard to the threat, Arnall said an Atlanta FBI agent had warned him of the plot, which, he reported, originated in the Oakland City Klavern of the Klan.

The Oakland City Klavern decided to instigate the plot by having the names of five Klansmen drawn by lots from each Klavern, or chapter, Arnall stated. "From these names, the Grand Dragon is to draw two," Arnall asserted, "and the Federal Bureau of Investigation advised me that these two, unknown to each other and to anyone else, except the Grand Dragon, are to be given the job of taking care of me."

Gov. Arnall scoffed at the practicability of the idea, declaring: "Of course, the whole thing is silly, but merely shows to what great lengths the Ku Klux Klan will go in an effort to impede the State's fight against it."

Colescott's affidavit, concerning the Governor, which Arnall denied, was sworn to in Miami, Dade County, Florida, and charges that Colescott "personally delivered to Ellis Gibbs Arnall while the said Arnall was Attorney General of Georgia his engraved card in return for $50, paid to deponent by Ellis Gibbs Arnall therefor."

The Imperial Wizard also alleged payment was made in the State Capitol and was witnessed by one other person, unnamed.

In addition, Colescott asserted that Arnall solicited and received his "counsel, advice and active support together with the votes of all Klansmen whom deponent could influence" in Arnall's race for Governor. The affidavit also declares that Arnall and Colescott "frequently exchanged ideas and literature mutually helpful in rebuilding the Klan and in winning his race for Governor of the State of Georgia."

Answering this, Arnall said: "When I was Attorney General, Gov. E. D. Rivers introduced Jim Colescott to me. As Attorney General, in connection with the FBI and police meetings over the State, I was fighting subversive elements. Particularly were we undertaking in the Police Academy Schools to direct attention against Communism and its inherent dangers to our nation. The Imperial Wizard of the Klan told me that his organization was fighting Communism and was tremendously interested in what was being done by the State. He came by several times and I told him some of the things that we had found about subversive activities in the

"That is the extent of my tact with the Imperial Wizard. At no time, have I bought an engraved card for $50 or any other amount. At no time was such a transaction handled with me by the Imperial Wizard or the unknown other party specified in the fraudulent affidavit of the head of the bedsheet crowd. At no time have I conferred with the Imperial Wizard about rebuilding the Klan. I have always understood that the Klan had disbanded until recent months.

"To my knowledge, the Ku Klux Klan did not support me for Governor but did support Eugene Talmadge and his doctrine of hate.

"NEVER A KLANSMAN"

"I am not and never have been a member of the Ku Klux Klan. It will be my increasing purpose in spite of threats, lies and frauds to press forward the State's case against the Klan in an effort to revoke its charter."

"James V. Carmichael," he continued, "is the only candidate in the race who has condemned the Klan. I will continue my efforts against it and its preachments of hatred, intolerance and bigotry.

"The State of Georgia will press its legal action."

Meanwhile, Morgan Belser, who referred to himself as attorney for the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., said he would file an answer to the State's legal attempts to lift the Klan's charter.

Belser, tall, bespectacled, and quiet-spoken, issued a brief verbal statement to reporters and handed them a longer prepared statement.

In his verbal statement, Belser declared that he resented "the Attorney General's implication that I was attempting to evade service of process in this case" and explained he was out of his office Thursday when the suit was filed.

He added he notified the Sheriff he was available for service of process as soon as he returned from a business trip to Augusta and pointed out that service was effected within six hours after filing of suit.

BELSER STATEMENT

Belser's prepared statement in full follows:

"During the past several weeks I have been importuned by representatives of the press to make some statement concerning the Arnall-Klan controversy. I have steadfastly refused to engage in a newspaper trial of a matter which properly should be tried in the courts. Even now, I make this statement reluctantly and only because of the renewed request for it. It is made with the sincere hope that it may explain my positive views with respect to such publicity.

"The ethics of the legal profession do not countenance, but rather frown upon an attorney indulging in undue publicity concerning any court proceeding which he may either institute or defend. Although some, who apparently desire such publicity, may prefer not to be governed by these high principles of our profession, I myself shall attempt to be governed, and therefore make no comment with respect to the suit instituted against the Klan except to say that at the proper time I shall file appropriate pleadings on behalf of this client, as I would on behalf of any other, and the issues thus made will be considered in due course by a fair and impartial court which will not be influenced by the extraordinary advance publicity attendant upon the preparation and filing of the suit in question."

Dustin' off the NEWS

By LUCIUS C. HARPER

GEORGIA HAS A STRONG LAW TO FIGHT THE KLAN

THE RECENT GATHERING of a few political hustlers of the discredited Talmadge hooligans on Stone Mountain in Georgia to revive the old bedsheet order, the Ku Klux Klan, is being viewed by the best element of that state as an attempt and last resort to frighten the Negro out of his newly acquired right to suffrage through a Supreme Court edict. Probably believing that the Negro of today is the same in superstitious character that he was directly after the Civil War, these political bigots have determined that through fantastic capers and the wearing of grotesquely fashioned hooded regalia they can chase the black man of 1946 away from the polls as was accomplished in the Reconstruction period. They are in for a sad disappointment. They have not reckoned that the Negro of today is thoroughly schooled, and that his political leaders are from colleges; not from cornfields as of yore.

L. C. Harper

Recently at Augusta, Ga., the Talmadge hooligans saw the "handwriting on the wall" when newly enfranchised Negroes joined hands with the best element of the whites and placed into office by their votes a decent and respectable white man replacing a political shyster named Harris who had polluted Georgia politics for years. Viewing this defeat with alarm and a forerunner of reforms yet to come, these hooligans are reviving old schemes to combat new methods. They have become so frustrated that the Department of Justice has been notified to keep a close watch on the scurrilous little weekly sheet, The Statesman, edited by Ex-governor Eugene Talmadge, which has almost advocated the organization of a Vigilante to lynch Negroes who would exercise their right of suffrage. Despite these threats, the college-bred Negroes of Georgia: the doctors, the lawyers, the ministers, and the business men are organizing their folk into intelligent and well-instructed voting blocs and with the advice and counsel of the best element of the whites are moving forward to make Georgia a better state politically. The hooligans, quite desperately, are witnessing their last stand, and the Ku Klux Klan with its ugly record of pillage, plunder and murder, is their final answer.

FOR THE INFORMATION of those Georgians who may not know it, the state has a law which deals directly with this secret organization. Late in the year of 1868 the Reconstruction legislature of Georgia passed an anti-Ku Klux Klan law, declaring the need for protection from the depredations of "a secret organization of men who, under the cover of masks and other grotesque disguises, armed with knives, revolvers and other deadly weapons, do issue from the place of their rendezvous . . . generally in the late hours of the night, to commit violence and outrage upon peaceable and law-abiding citizens, robbing and murdering them upon the highways, and entering their houses, tearing them from their homes and the embrace of their families, and, with violent threats and insults, inflicting on them the most cruel and inhuman treatment. . . . disturbing the public peace, ruining the happiness and prosperity of the people, and in many places overriding the civil authorities, defying all law and justice."

The first public newspaper reference to the Ku Klux Klan in Georgia was in an Atlanta paper in March, 1868, at which time, by a notable coincidence, one of the prominent people visiting in town was General Nathan Bedford Forrest, the illiterate Confederate leader whose remark: "I gets there furstest with the mostest men," got him into military history. He, it was reported, was there "for a few days attending to some insurance matters." The Ku Klux movement was launched in Georgia at about this time. And certainly the Klan was in existence and took an active part in the state election that year in which General John B. Gordon, a Confederate veteran, was the Democratic candidate for governor against a former New Yorker, Rufus B. Bullock, who had established residence in that state before the war. About this time there began to appear in Georgia papers the gruesome Ku Klux notices with all their fearful threats; and objectionable politicians, mostly Republicans who were styled "carpetbaggers and scalawags" began to receive threatening letters.

THE THREATS of violence, however, were not all on one side. On April 2, 1868 there appeared in a Savannah paper a sinister, anonymous notice, generally attributed to Aaron Alpeoria Bradley, noted Negro politician who had served in the Union Army, being enlisted from New York, which read:

KKK and all BAD MEN of the city of Savannah who now threaten the lives of all the Leaders and Nominees of the Republican Party, and the President and Members of the Union League of America: If you Strike a Blow, the Man or Men will be followed, and the house in which he or they take shelter will be burned to the ground.

TAKE HEED! MARK WELL! Members of the Union League For God, Life and Liberty!

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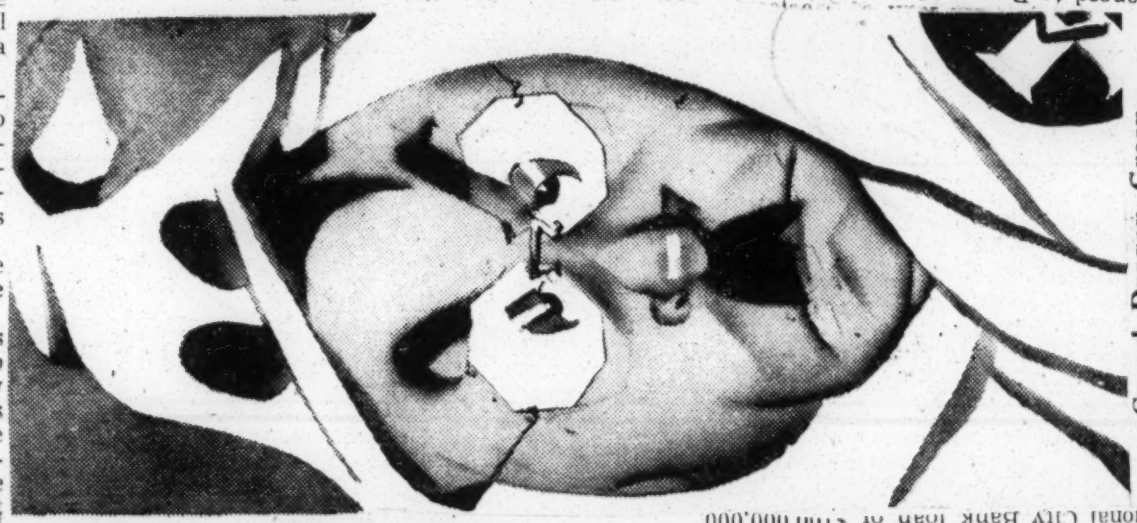

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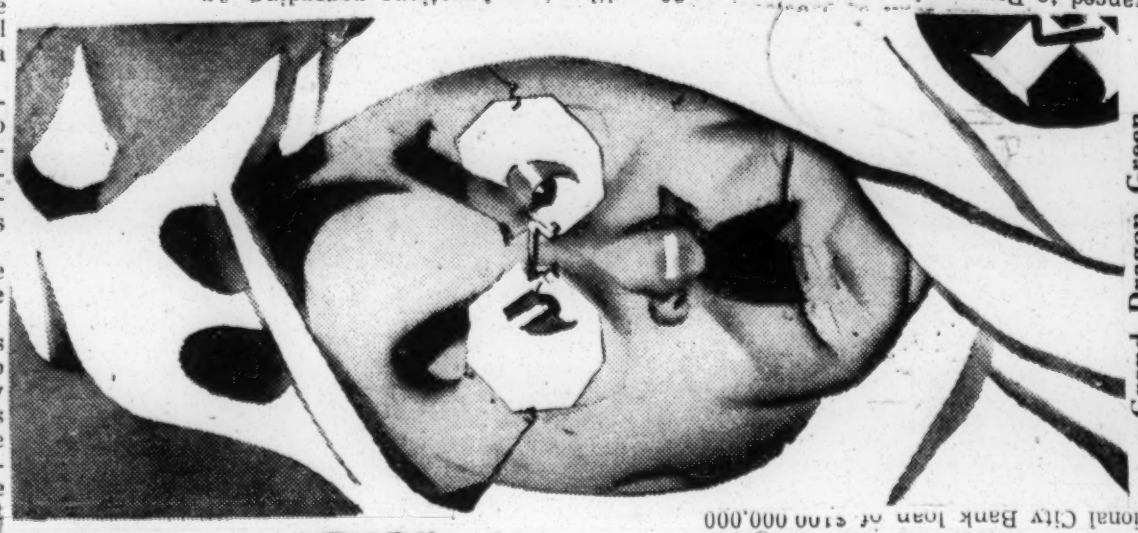

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Following the filing procedure, which took place at 11 a. m., Fulton County Deputy Sheriffs T. O. Creel and J. E. McKleskey spent almost an hour attempting to serve the suit on Morgan Belser, lawyer for the Klan's Invisible Empire [redacted]. At Belser's office, a secretary reported that he was "out of town on legal business" and that it was impossible for her to contact him at this time.

According to the terms of the court order, the papers must be served on Belser or a representative of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., at least 10 days before the hearing of the case, now scheduled for 10 a. m. July 1. A representative of the Attorney General's office admitted that if Belser remained out of sight or reach of the sheriff's office, the hearing might be delayed.

By JIM FURNISS

CLEVELAND, Tenn., June 20. (AP)—Two crosses were burned in Cleveland's downtown section Thursday night. Cleveland is the home of Church of God Minister Grady R. Kent who said he was flogged by members of the Ku Klux Klan in 1939 and who has offered his services to the State of Georgia in its fight to break up the Klan in Georgia.

Charging a conspiracy had been formed to gain control over agencies charged with public security, the suit alleged that the Klan's aims were to organize police officers, truck drivers, cab drivers and others in key positions to provide Klan members quick mobility to the various parts of the State. These aims, the document states, were expressed upon the floor of the Oakland City Klan Post No. 297 on April 4 this year by Exalted Cyclops Sam W. Roper, identified by Duke as a former head of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation during the administration of ex-Gov. Eugene Talmadge and presently a member of the Atlanta Police Force.

In connection with recent Klan activities, the suit claims that the present Georgia Klan, directed by Grand Dragon Samuel Green, is part and parcel of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., which received its corporate charter here in 1916. It identfies Green, Roper, G. T. Brown and B. G. Otwell by name as Klan officials who derive their authority by virtue of their membership in the corporation in spite of Green's remarks in the past that the new and old Klans were two totally separate organizations.

Green's "new" Klan also is dragged into the State's suit for activities taking place May 9 this year on Stone Mountain when the Klan held an initiation, or "naturalization," ceremony for new members. The suit alleges that a hooded Klansman "seized one Robert H. Holloway, restrained him of his liberty and confiscated his property." In addition, other citizens were alleged to have been seized by Klansmen and forced to listen to long tirades against the Jews, Catholics and Negroes by two men armed with black-jacks and pistols.

The suit rehearsed the Klan's activities from 1935 on. In 1935, Imperial Wizard Hiram Evans was supposed to have given an order to masked Klansmen to patrol the streets of East Point in their robes and masks "for the purpose of stopping immoral practices which were contended by the Klan to be prevalent at that time." The suit claimed that W. W. Scarborough, Exalted Cyclops of the East Point Post from 1937 to 1940, appointed a secret committee, headed by Floyd I. Lee, whose duties were to flog persons "who needed correcting." The death of Ike Gaston in 1940 and the flogging of 23 identified persons resulted from the operation of such committees, or "wrecking crews," it was claimed.

The Klan also was hit on the basis of its charter as an eleemosynary corporation. The $10 Klan initiation fee, known as a Klectokon, was split up between Goblins and Kleagles, or organizers, the Imperial Palace and Grand Dragons, it was claimed. In addition, the sale of all robes, masks and regalia was alleged to have netted the Imperial Wizard and Grand Dragon approximately $3.50 for each member of the Klan.

According to the charges, the Klan's handling of monetary matters resulted in fraudulent financial gain to such other Klan officials as the Imperial Kligrapp, the Great Titan, and assorted Genii and Hydras.

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Secretary of State Charles K. O'Connell's records showed the Klan legalized its corporate existence in Kentucky Dec. 31, 1940, by filing here a certified copy of its Georgia charter, but had not paid its annual "verification fee" of $1 for 1944 and 1945.

H. P. Perdew, principal clerk in O'Connell's office, expressed the view that if Georgia wins its suit to cancel the Klan charter there, that would automatically end its corporate existence in Kentucky. Dummit said that was one of the angles he would look into.

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The state's suit also charged that Klansmen were seeking to gain control of police officers and government agencies in a conspiracy aimed at rendering the state "incapable of carrying out that part of the state Constitution that guarantees protection of persons and property." Four Klan officials, including an Atlanta police officer, N. W. Roper, were named.

Last week, disclosures of Klan terrorism against Negroes came from Dan Duke, State Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Klan probe.

Duke revealed that a 21-year-old Negro Navy veteran, working as a bellboy in an Atlanta hotel, had been given 52 lashes by hooded men showing police badges on the night of Feb. 13. Porter Flournoy, a middle-aged Negro taxi driver, was stabbed to death by Klansmen last August and his body flung on the lawn of a DeKalb County doctor's home.

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His organization, which is the one that staged the first post-war demonstration on Stone Mountain early in May, has no legal connection with the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.

Dr. Green has been a klansman for twenty-four years, and feels that the organization has been "abused and persecuted" because its mission and ideals are not understood in the country at large. He succeeded to the leadership of wha the described as an informal, unincorporated association of local Georgia klans in the spring of 1944, and disclaims any organizational tie with klans operating in other States.

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He explained that the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., which was the national body that came to public notice after the end of World War I, called a national convention on April 23, 1944. By that time the Treasury had ruled that it owed $685,000 in taxes on earnings between 1919 and 1926, after which date it was held to have received no taxable income, but the claim was not being pressed, according to Dr. Green. The convention repealed all decrees, vacated all offices, voided all charters and relieved every klansman of any obligation whatever.

A board of five directors, whose names Dr. Green declined to give, was named to keep the charter of the organization alive and to reactivate the national organization if they saw fit. Pending such possible reactiviation on a national scale, Dr. Green said, a number of Georgia klans decided to "associate" themselves informally and to continue their work.

Dr. Green was interviewed at his downtown office, where he maintains what seems to be a modestly thriving practice as an obstetrician.

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The Klan's great accomplishment, Dr. Green said, in the period from its resurgence after World War I to 1026 was to secure passage of national legislation limiting immigration. He explained that the Klan takes on one supreme mission at a time. After the immigration legislation was in effect, the Klan "discovered," as he expressed it, communism in the United States.

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Against the charge of being anti-Negro, Dr. Green advanced the thesis that the Klan is, on the contrary, a practical and realistic helper of the Negro in Georgia. Starting from the premise that there can be no happy or peaceable relations between the races under conditions of social equality, he said, the Klan is constantly active in securing better schools, playgrounds, parks and places of assembly for Negroes so that they will not arouse racial tensions by overflowing into facilities provided for whites.

The present dues of the Klan in his association are $6 a year, with an initiation fee of $10, Dr. Green said, adding that the Internal Revenue Bureau had ruled that such dues are non-taxable. He, himself, has never received a penny from the Klan in his twenty-four years of service in various capacities, he declared.

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Atlanta, Ga.

Daily Worker

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Governor Arnall called the state attorney general into action and said that if efforts through the courts were unsuccessful he might call a special session of the General Assembly to enact laws restricting activities of the fascist-hooded supremacy order

The Governor's directive to the State Law Department was in the form of a three-page letter to Attorney-General Cook in which he outlined six charges which he said could be brought against the Klan to show it had violated its charter.

FEDERAL LIEN

The federal lien against the Klan was filed by Marion Allen, collector of internal revenue. The collector claims $685,305 due the Government for the years 1921 through 1924 and for 1926. 5-31-46

The State Law department went into immediate action following the Governor's order. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Duke, who prosecuted Klan floggings in south Fulton county some years ago, was appointed to work with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation in a probe of the Klan. He conferred with Major William Spence, public safety commissioner who heads the GBI and the State Patrol. The entire legal staff of the law department was poised to go into action immediately with the promise of proceedings in the event of violations.

Lieutenant J. I. Bray, officer in charge of the G. B. I., is working with Mr. Duke.

OFFICIAL DIRECTIVE

Governor Arnall said in his directive to the attorney-general:

"I am officially directing you to bring quo warranto proceedings against the Ku Klux Klan to revoke its charter in Georgia.

"My information is that the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., is incorporated in Fulton County, Georgia, with authority to function throughout the United States as a 'patriotic, secret, social, benevolent order' . . . 'purely benevolent and eleemosynary, and there shall be no capital stock or profit or gain to the members thereof;

It is my further information that on June 4, 1944 the Ku Klux Klan 'suspended' its corporate activities, but that on March 21, 1946 the Klan filed with the secretary of state of Georgia a certificate of corporate registration for the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. paying the required fee covering corporate activities for 1941-46, inclusive.

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"2. Violation of its nonpolitical corporate charter. The Klan has been and is engaged in political activities. It is a well-known fact that its present chief political occupation is the gubernatorial contest in this state. The evidence and photostatic documentations can be secured. 5-31-46

"3. Misrepresentation by the Klan of its purposes upon incorporation in 1915 and reincorporation in 1935, or it has exceeded its corporate powers in a number of ways. Friday

"4. The Klan has been and is engaged in unlawful activities. These activities are aimed at the destruction of civil liberties as guaranteed by the State and Federal Constitution. Accordingly, the Klan is not entitled to the protective cloak of incorporation and the privileges thereof, which said protection and privileges are available for lawful activities only. 5-31-46

"5. The Klan has violated the criminal laws of this state. Accordingly, its charter can be revoked. There is abundant evidence of such illegal activities available For example, the court records in the flogging-murder of Ike Gaston a few years ago in Fulton County.

NOT "BONA FIDE"

"6. The Klan is not a bona fide fraternal organization but exists primarily for the purpose of arousing, fostering, promoting and effectuating prejudice, hatred and intolerance through the concerted action of its members. This is not a purpose for which a Georgia corporation may be organized or for which it may exist.

(Georgia)

"I am sending a copy of this communication to Majjor William E. Spence, of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, with the request that his department assist you in securing evidence to use in a quo warranto suit against the Klan.

"I also request that you confer with the attorney general of the United States about this action. I would not be surprised if the FBI does not have agents to join the Klan to obtain information as to its activities. I am sure that should the Department of Justice have such information it would be afforded to you for your use.

"It will be interesting to see who undertakes the defense of the Klan and whether any candidate for governor will be among those defending it.

"I would also like for you to look into the operations of an organization in this state known as the 'Vigilantes.' This is alleged to be a 'front' for the Ku Klux Klan.

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"That part of your opinion dealing with the power of the General Assembly to exercise control over such organization as the Ku Klux Klan which are incorporated has been noted with interest. In your opinion you advised that the legislation to suppress, prohibit or otherwise alter the activities of any group of citizens, whether organized or not, which the General Assembly aims to be detrimental to the public welfare.

"If action in the courts is unavailing, it may be necessary to convoke the General Assembly in extraordinary session to 'de-hood' the Klan and prohibit activities which the General Assembly might determine to be detrimental to the public good." 5-31-46

After receiving the Governor's directive, the attorney-general said he would file quo warranto proceedings as soon as the Georgia Bureau of Investigation furnished him with sufficient evidence to justify the filing of such a suit. A quo warranto is a legal petition to the courts to dissolve a charter, when violations of charter are proven. Friday

Governor Arnall issued a statement that he is not a member of the Klan and has never been a member of the Klan, when a veiled threat of a "bitter pill for Arnall' was made by a Klan official. He said he had not even received one of the so-called honorary life memberships with which the Klan plastered Georgia figures some years ago.

Meanwhile, Atlanta's Police Chief M. A. Hornsby, Fulton County County Sheriff A. B. Foster, Fulton County police chief C. E. Mitchell all said they know of no members of their respective forces who belong to the Ku Klux Klan. The enforcement authorities added, however, that there was doubt that anything could be done toward dismissing members of their forces, even if they are proved to belong to the Ku Klux Klan.

HOUSE GROUP TO OPEN ATLANTA KLAN INQUIRY

New York Times
New York, N.Y.

WASHINGTON, May 26 (U.P.)—Investigators for the House Committee on Un-American Activities will start for Atlanta tomorrow for an on-the-spot inquiry into revival of the Ku Klux Klan, it was revealed tonight. 5-27-46

Representative Landis of Indiana, a member of the committee, said that the inquiry will be preliminary in nature, and added:

"The committee has not voted as yet to undertake a full-fledged investigation, but we have received some complaints about it, so our investigators are going down there to see what's behind the revival."

Another committee source said the inquiry may be extended to California, where there have been periodic outbursts of Klan activity recently. Monday

One committee official said he was primarily interested in the burning of fiery crosses at Stone Mountain, Ga. He said the United States Attorney General had received complaints about the demonstrations, but is powerless to act because no civil rights were violated. 5-27-46

He said that if any crimes are turned up they will be called to the attention of legal authorities for prosecution. The same procedure will be followed in California if the investigation is continued there.

Klan To Fight Legal Battle Over Charter

Georgia Officials Say National Unit Target Of Ouster Action

Courier
ATLANTA, June 21.—(AP)—Promise of a show-down fight over the state of Georgia's legal battle to tear up the Ku Klux Klan's charter developed today as the hooded order said in effect it would scrap it out with the state. Atl. 6-22-46

Georgia's legal department filed quo warranto proceedings yesterday to dissolve the Klan's charter and Attorney General Eugene Cook stressed again today that the court action was intended to be an all-out fight against the Klan everywhere.

Morgan S. Belser, who called himself an attorney for the Klan, said he would file an answer to the state's suit "at the proper time." Macon

The tall and quiet-spoken Belser, who is listed on the Klan's charter as secretary, did not elaborate on what steps he intends to take in fighting back at legal attempts to rip up his organization. Atlanta N

Belser gave out information about his intention to go to court over the suit at a press conference, issuing both prepared and dictated statements to reporters. Atl. 6-22-46

The attorney said he represented the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., and he did not know whether the legal proceedings were served on him as secretary. The suit was filed against the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, avoiding mention of any corporation.

U. S. Seeks Taxes From Former Leader Of Klan

Atlanta
WASHINGTON, June 21.—(AP)—A U. S. tax court has ruled that Hiram Wesley Evans, former Imperial Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, owes approximately $350,000 in income taxes for the years 1937 through 1941.

VFW Delegates Vote Refusal To Condemn KKK

Atlanta
AUGUSTA, June 18—(AP)—Delegates to the fourth annual encampment of Georgia Veterans of Foreign Wars Monday by an overwhelming vote refused to condemn the Ku Kluz Klan.

After several hours debate the veterans voted 452 to 32 to table a resolution approved unanimously by the Resolutions Committee. This resolution would have placed the convention on record as approving efforts of State officials to "end the evil practices" of the Klan. Atlanta Jun 6-19-46

Leaders of the opposition to the resolution stated they regarded it as filled with political implications which might adversely affect the campaign of certain gubernatorial candidates. No candidates were named in the debate.

J. F. Pruett, of Eastman, said the issue should never have been brought up. W. O. Brooks, of Atlanta, concurred in the opinion and said he "mistrusted the motives of those who introduced the resolution." Atlanta

Under a change in the program, Governor Ellis Arnall, scheduled to speak Monday, will address the encampment at 10 a. m. Tuesday.

Speakers on Monday's program were Lyall T. Beggs, National Judge Advocate General, VFW, of Madison, Wis., and James J. Travis, Department of Service Di-

rector, VFW, of Atlanta.

Officers will be elected and installed Tuesday to close the encampment. Atl. 6-19-46

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Klan 'Goon Squad' Faces Inquiry of Undercover Men

By JIM FURNISS

With one slaying and a beating already charged to the Ku Klux Klan, secret State penetration agents continued their efforts to blast open the Klan's inner circles, known as the Kavalier Klub.

The slaying of a Negro taxi driver was pinned on the Kavalier Klub by Asst. Atty. Gen. Dan Duke when he said he learned from confidential sources that Kavalier Klub members had begun boasting about it during one of their so-called secret meetings. Until this break, the taxi driver's death by stabbing last August had been classified as unsolved.

According to various reports, Duke said, the taxi driver, Porter Flournoy Turner, was found dead about 4:30 o'clock one rainy morning on Oakdale Ave. in DeKalb County. Turner apparently had been stabbed while still in his cab, had struggled across the street and then died on the lawn of the home of a physician. Extensive efforts to solve the case were unproductive.

The beating, revealed Thursday by Duke, took place Feb. 13 in College Park when nine men lashed a 21-year-old Negro Navy veteran 52 times in a deserted spot near the Municipal Airport. No connection with the Klan had been suspected until the beating was mentioned in a Kavalier Klub meeting.

Meanwhile, Georgia Bureau investigation agents and the Attorney General's office continued their efforts to crack open the Kavalier Klub. State agents attended its most recent meeting Wednesday night at a cafe in Southwest Atlanta. About 25 of the Klub's 50-odd membership were in attendance, according to Duke, who termed the Klub the strong arm or "meat squad" of the Klan.

In connection with the meeting, Clifford Vittur, head of an Atlanta transfer company, was seen in Duke's office Thursday afternoon. Duke would not comment upon what Vittur had told him, but said Vittur admitted being present at the cafe, together with Grand Dragon Samuel Green and Sam Roper, formerly a member of the GBI and now a member of the Atlanta Police Force.

When approached by a Constitution reporter, Vittur, as he was leaving Duke's office, disclaimed all knowledge of Klan beatings.

"What I know about the Klan wouldn't interest you," Vittur said.

As Vittur got into his car, he asked the reporter: "If you know anything about any beatings, though, I'd be glad to hear it."

Klan Investigation In Georgia to Be Secret, Cook Says

Atlanta, June 10.—(U.P.): State Attorney General Eugene Cook drew a veil of secrecy around further investigation of the Ku Klux Klan after announcing that Georgia's attempt to outlaw the hooded order would be filed in court this week end or early next week.

Cook expressed displeasure over news released through his office last week concerning charges that the klan was responsible for a negro murder and a 52-lash flogging.

"There will be no more news like that," Cook told reporters. "This investigation must be kept private for the present."

It was revealed last week that the state has secret agents inside the klan organization probing for enough information to put the order legally out of business.

Cook said he was leaving the latter part of the week for New York to continue Georgia's freight rate case but would stop over in Washington enroute to confer with Attorney General Tom Clark on the klan case.

The Georgia official wants to ask Clark if the federal government presumably the federal bureau of investigation, has any information on the klan that would be helpful in the coming court battle.

Cook said he would contact his office here from Washington and give instructions for filing the case either Saturday or next Monday.

The state's first action is expected to be a civil case in Fulton county superior court in an attempt to have the klan's charter revoked.

Negro's Kidnap-Beating Laid to Klan By A.F.L.

Green Says Four Men Abducted Georgian Who Refused to Resign From Cement Union

By the Associated Press.

Washington, June 14.—The American Federation of Labor said tonight that four masked men who represented themselves as Ku Klux Klansmen abducted Willie Dudley, a Negro, from a Georgia clay pit and beat him with a rubber hose when he refused to resign from a union.

A statement from William Green, A.F.L. president, said the alleged kidnaping took place early Sunday when Dudley refused to sign a letter of resignation from the United Cement, Lime & Gypsum Workers international union at the P. W. Martin Clay Company, Gordon, Ga.

Green directed George Googe, the A.F.L. Southern-organization director, to protest to Governor Ellis Arnall.

Union Enrolled 100.

The union opened an intensive organizing drive as part of its Southern campaign at the Martin plants and mines on May 24, according to Felix C. Jones, business representative of the union's District 5, who reported to Green.

In the first week about 100 workers were enrolled, he said, but the company granted an 8-cent raise to establish a 50-cent-hourly rate retroactive to May 16. Resignations from the union followed and Jones said they were a result of a campaign to break up the new local.

Jones said the sheriffs of Twiggs and Wilkinson Counties promised to investigate the beating incident. Green, terming the circumstances "un-American and reprehensible," said he would consult with A.F.L. chief counsel Joseph A. Padway on whether the F.B.I. and the Attorney General also should be asked to investigate.

Sheriff Is Investigating.

(Sheriff W. E. Hambrick of Twiggs County said he was investigating the alleged abduction and beating. So far, he said, his investigation showed the men were "merely local antiunion folks."

(Hambrick added that Dudley could identify his assailants only by voice.

(However, Googe, the A.F.L.'s Southern representative, said in a statement issued in Atlanta that Dudley had identified all four men and listed their names, including that of a Twiggs County deputy sheriff.

(Googe said reports had been made to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.)

Jones, in his report, declared: "Dudley began work on his regular job at 11 p.m. June 8. About 1 a.m. June 9, four masked men appeared at his job and, brandishing pistols, handcuffed Dudley and carried him away. James G. Upshaw, treasurer of the Gordon local, witnessed the kidnaping, which occurred in Twiggs County. Dudley was carried into Wilkinson County and severely beaten with a rubber hose. He was told by these men they were Ku Klux Klan; that they were beating him because he would not get out of the union; and that if he told anyone who they were, they would return and kill him. They also told him they intended to keep the Negroes from joining the union and for him to tell the union representative they would get him next."

AFL Pledges Action After Twiggs Beating Professed by 'Klansmen'

By JIM FURNISS

Promising to take the law into his own hands, if necessary, George Googe, Southern Director of the American Federation of Labor, has opened war on anti-labor elements following the beating of a Negro worker by men identifying themselves as members of the Ku Klux Klan.

According to Googe, Willie Dudley, a Negro member of the recently formed Gordon (Ga.) Local of the United Cement, Lime and Gypsum Workers' Union, was kidnaped by four masked men about 1 a. m. June 9 while doing excavation work for the P. W. Martin Clay Co. in Twiggs County.

The men, brandishing pistols, handcuffed Dudley and carried him into Wilkinson County, near by, where they severely beat him with a rubber hose, Googe said.

Although Dudley's kidnapers identified themselves as members of the Klan, Googe said he thought they may not have been Klan members. He attributed the beating to the fact that some men had approached Dudley at his home the night before, demanding that he sign a letter of resignation from the AFL local.

Dudley already has identified the four men who he said beat him, naming two company employes, Googe said. According to Dudley, a law-enforcement officer of Wilkinson County and a resident of Gordon were the other two men into his own hands if necessary, followed what he termed were indications that authorities had been "negligent in their duty to protect the members of the Cement Workers' Local."

"If law-enforcement agencies refuse or fail to enforce criminal statutes or if, after we have appealed to them, they fail to act, we will take whatever steps are necessary to protect union members," Googe said yesterday.

Such steps, Googe explained, would include sending as many as 400 men into Twiggs County to see that workers' rights to organize are protected.

Googe's action followed receipt of a letter yesterday from William over during the afternoon to Atty. Gen. Eugene Cook and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation for further action, Googe stated.

"Because of the claim by perpetrators of the crime to be members and representatives of the Ku Klux Klan, we have appealed to the GBI for the investigation and prosecution of the guilty parties," Googe said.

"We likewise are appealing to the Attorney General of the United States to assign FBI men to prosecute the case under the provisions of the Federal Civil Liberties Act and violation of the National Labor Relations Act."

A similar occurrence to the Dudley beating took place in Douglasville in 1939 when a man named Earnhardt, an AFL textile workers' organizer and now a member of Googe's staff, was severely flogged by a number of masked and night-shirted men from Dallas.

Attorney General Cook announced yesterday that the date for filing the State's civil suit against the Klan has been set up from June 21 to sometime early next week. He revealed that he and his staff had spent most of the day assimilating evidence and preparing briefs which he hopes

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KKK (Georgia)

White Supremacy Chief Aim of Klan

By TRAVIS K. HEDRICK

Peoples Voice

HATE

ATLANTA (FP) —The Ku Klux Klan is on the march again, with hooded, sheet-covered hooligans armed with bullwhips and grounded in terror. Its chief claims 20,000 members in Atlanta alone and more than 50,000 in Georgia.

The KKK is no joke, no hallowe'en stunt in the south today. It operates in Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Tennessee. I was shown a pile of letters that Grand Dragon Samuel Green claimed totaled 2,000 he received in one week. 6-1-46

My appointment with Dr. Green was for 3:15 pm May 22. His office is on the third floor of a building on Atlanta's famed Peachtree st. His reception room, in maple with red leather upholstery, boasts three framed certificates for his work as examining physician for Draft Board 2 during the war and a selective service medal. Newyork, N.y.

"KU KLUX FOR PLEASURE"

After an hour's wait, a white-garbed nurse motioned me to enter the private office although six patients were waiting. I was greeted by a small, sandy-haired man with a quiet voice, who told me to sit down. Referring to the crowded waiting room, he said: **"I practice medicine for profit, but I Klu Klux for pleasure."**

Referring to news stories of the Klan's revival on Stone Mountain near here May 10 when a class of 700 were initiated into the mystical fascist order, I asked Green why he had revived the Klan. 6-1-46

A surprised, hurt expression came over his face as he said: **"Why, it has never been dead."**

He then remarked he is serving his second term of office as the Klan's Grand Dragon. His first was for five years from 1929 to 1934. At that time the KKK was chartered as the Ku Klux Klan Inc. Today its official title in Georgia is the Association of Georgia Klans. Sat.

Although Green would not say he is the national chief of the hooded order, he admitted there is no other chief and he makes plane trips to subordinate Klans in other states.

I asked Green: "What are the basic motives and objectives of the Klan?" He replied: "They are identical with what they always were:

- building chracter in our men;
- to practice klanishness;
- to protect the home and chastity of our white womanhood;
- to exemplify a pure patriotism to the United States Constitution and its Flag."

"FREE" ORGANIZERS

Elaborating, he admitted the third point inculded "white supremacy and is the chief of the cardinal points."

Green declined to give out membership figures other than those of Georgia, saying they "are secret." But he denied the Klan has any organizing campaign in progress, adding: "I haven't a single paid Kleagle" (organizer) and that all recruiting is voluntary.

Green bragged that his 2,000 letters within the past week "have come from 31 states, all asking for establishment of Klans." Picking out one envelope at random, he read from it, leaving out the identifying name. It was a pencil-scrawled message telling the "joy we felt when we read of your (Stone Mountain) meeting." The writer, an Alabaman, said he had kept his regalia and added: **"Please send a representative to reorganize here."** The writer said he 'worked in the mill."

In addition to maintaining **"white supremacy and the constitution of our forefathers,"** Green said, the Klan is **"strong in its opposition to communism."** The KKK's "Klectoken" or initiation fee is $10, with dues of $6 a year.

I walked out of Green's office as I had entered, freely and without being frisked. The KKK is as open here as the Chamber of Commerce and as ominous as Hitler's stormtroopers in 1933.

Sailor Against Klan

Editor Constitution: I have something to say that I think is very important to Georgia. As Georgia is my home state I am interested in the events that take place there.

The purpose of this letter is to find out the public's opinion of the Ku Klux Klan. I work in the Welfare and Athletic Office here in Hawaii. We in the office receive the Honolulu Advertiser, Hawaii's Territorial newspaper. The first thing I see this morning when I pick up the paper is "Attorney Accuses Ku Klux Klan of Lashing Negro Navy Veteran." What is the matter with you people at home? These so-called organization act like the well-known Storm Troopers. If you will recall, the Ku Klux Klan is using the methods of Hitler's "Supermen." Everyone knows what happened to them. I think the same should happen to this Ku Klux Klan. America is suppose to be a free country. Do you think that beating a Negro is included in the ideals of America? When I come back to America I don't want to see organizations running around beating people. Well, that is all I have to say now.

GEORGE A. LAVENDER, S1C.
Pearl Harbor.

Georgia CIO Promises To Help Battle Klan

ATLANTA, June 16.—(AP)—A State-wide conference of the CIO's Textile Workers' Union of America today denounced the Ku Klux Klan as a "lawless organization" and a speaker called President Truman "one of the best strike breakers in the country."

An adopted resolution described the Ku Klux Klan as "a secret organization committed to acts of violence against all persons, and organizations who do not subscribe to its prejudices against fellow Americans of different races and creeds."

State Agents Get Into Georgia KKK

Georgia's Assistant Attorney General Dan Duke, assigned to "investigate and eradicate" the recently revived Ku Klux Klan, is seeking evidence linking the night-shirt organization with the flogging of a 21-year-old Negro Navy veteran and the murder of a Negro taxi driver.

Duke disclosed that agents of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation had joined the Klan, working

The resolution also said "in the past the Klan in many States has served as an anti-labor force and has beaten and killed labor organizers, wrecked union halls and acted as vigilante groups in times of strikes."

The group pledged itself "to the small to speak up whole-hearted support of Gov. drive of Gov. Arnall to break up the Klan in the State of Georgia."

themselves into the Kavalier Klub, described as the Klan's "strong-arm squad." Information they obtained there, said Duke, caused him to start a new inquiry into the murder of Porter Tuiner, who was

State Ready To File Klan Break-Up Suit

By JIM FURNISS. Constitution

A major step to knock the legal props out from under the Ku Klux Klan has been taken by Atty. Gen. Eugene Cook, who said he will start legal proceedings at once to dissolve the hooded order's corporate charter.

"After conferring with my staff, charged with the responsibility of investigating the activities of the Ku Klux Klan, I am convinced that sufficient evidence has been obtained upon which to draft and file legal proceedings to dissolve the charter of the Klan," Cook told newsmen yesterday in his office.

"These proceedings will be filed within the next few days," Cook continued. "In the meantime, it is necessary that we devote the next few days to sifting such evidence as we have and to determining the nature of the proceedings to be filed."

ASKS U. S. AID

Cook announced he planned to solicit the aid of Tom Clark, United States Attorney General, in his battle to take away the legal basis for the Klan's continued existence.

"Before we file proceedings, I will talk personally to Mr. Clark to determine first, if the Department of Justice has evidence of the Klan's activities and, second, if the Department will allow us to use it," Cook said. "I have every reason to believe we will receive such assistance, although I can't state that as a fact."

Cook said he expected to return to New York next week for the prosecution of Georgia's freight rate case and on the way he will confer with Clark in Washington.

The Georgia Attorney General's action may be only the first step in the State's efforts to atomize the Klan.

"All evidence obtained by the investigators dealing with alleged flagrant illegal activities of certain members of the organization will be turned over to the proper prosecuting authorities of the judicial circuit or circuits of proper jurisdiction as soon as we have filed our civil proceedings," he asserted.

SEEK KILLING DETAILS

Such evidence possibly would include more detailed accounts of a killing and a flogging which recently were attributed to the Klan's "goon" or strong-arm squad, known to Klan members as the Kavalier Klub. Evidence that the slaying and whipping were Klan activity was collected by secret State agents who penetrated the Kavalier Klub and heard members of the Klub boasting of the two acts by the so-called "meat squad."

Although action against individuals for the violation of criminal statutes would have to be taken by courts of proper jurisdiction, it also was possible that Dan Duke, known for his vigorous prosecution of the Klan following the East Point murder of Ike Gaston in 1940, might again be pitted against the Klan.

Under Georgia law, however, the judge of the Superior Court would have to ask Gov. Arnall for the assistance of the Attorney General's office before Gov. Arnall could direct the Attorney General's office to aid in any criminal proceedings. Constitution

As to the exact nature of the civil proceedings which will be taken against the Klan, Cook said he would not be able to state until all evidence had been sifted. He did reveal, however, that part of the efforts of his office would be to show that the present Klan, which claims to be a voluntary, unincorporated organization, has a definite connection with the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., which received its charter in 1916.

Cook also made known that he had been in touch with California Atty. Gen. Kenny immediately following California's revocation of the Klan's charter there earlier this year. Kenny's pleadings showed the Klan's charter was in default and the organization's activities were outside the authority given by the charter, Cook said.

The California case was uncontested but Cook told reporters he expects such will not be the case in Georgia. Sun 6-4-46

Meanwhile, Cook served warning on the Klan that investigation of its activities will continue without abatement. Duke, who was chosen by Cook to look into the secret affairs of the Klan, together with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, will not let up in its efforts to lay bare the inner workings of the Klan, Cook said. Atlanta

KLAN BARRED FROM PEAK

Hewitt

Owners of Mountain Deny Its Use Until After July Primary

ATLANTA, June 15 (AP)—Owners of Stone Mountain said today public gatherings there until after the July 17 primary would be free from political significance. Sunday

The announcement followed a public meeting sponsored by the Ku Klux Klan there last month during which a fiery cross was burned atop the mountain. 6-17-46

Robert W. Undedwood, agent for the mountain's owners, said, "We don't want the mountain used as a sounding board for political matters in this Governor's race." N. Y.

He added that the Klan, an issue in the race, would be barred until after the primary but whether it would then be allowed to return was "a matter for us to take up later." Mr. Underwood said the owners were "neither Klan or anti-Klan" in sentiment.

Klan Is Okay

Constitution

Editor Constitution: I have known something of the actual work of the Klan for many years, also something of their obligations and I have never heard of anything un-American in either, nor is any organization more for the support of religion and the upholding of law and order. The truth has really never been told about it. Atlanta, Ga. Mon. 6-17-46

Floggings that are laid on the Klan may just as well be laid on Baptists, Methodists or any other denomination for that matter for a party of men may be made up of such. If it developed that such a party was made up of members of Methodist churches would you blame their act on the Methodist Church? Certainly not, yet if something happens and some member of the group accused is found to have or have had some connection with the Klan, the Klan gets blamed as a body. Mon. 6-17-46

I could point to real law-abiding and Christian gentlemen that are Klansmen, and I resent the statement that they are hoodlums and outlaws. No, some investigating of the right sort might be timely but any investigation of the Klan, however welcome, is indeed useless. JOHN F. HUTCHESON.

Atlanta.

Case Against KKK Ready, Says Duke

Daily World - Atlanta Ga.

Tuesday 6-18-46

Assistant Attorney General Daniel Duke revealed Monday that the state' case against the Ku Klux Klan, a quo warranta proceeding, was virtually ready for filing and would be placed in the courts "about" Thursday.

The papers await only final approval of Attorney General Eugene Cook, who will be back in Atlanta Tuesday. 6-18-46

Meanwhile, Drew Pearson, noted Washington columnist-commentator, said he was going ahead with plans to take a swing at the hooded order in its own back yard and would speak "from any place there that it is convenient for the civil rights-respecting people of Atlanta." Pearson and the Klan had been denied the use of historic Stone Mountain as a sounding board before the primary July 17.

Peearson said he would appear here "probably on July 7" and that what he had to say "will take more than my usual 15 minutes."

In his Sunday night broadcast, Pearson hinted that the Klan has possible support within a unit of the American Legion. 6-18-46

Pearson said that the Fifth District Legion meeting in Atlanta Saturday night considered a resolution condemning the Klan, offered by Neil Andrews who is U. S. district attorney here, "but Klan influence inside the Legion immediately objected, and believe it or not, the motion was tabled."

William G. McRae, district commander, confirmed Monday the tabling of the resolution and declared that "it is the sense of the Legion that it does not condemn any other organization.

The resolution was referred to the committee on resolutions, which considered it and submitted a negative report, Mr. McRae said. The committee is made up of Jackson P. Dick, chairman; Marvin W. Medlock, Clay W. Penick, Sam Johnson and Eric M. Burk. After the negative report was returned, Mr. McRae said, the resolution was introduced on the floor by Mr. Andrews and was rejected.

Columnist-Commentator Pearson said in Washington that so long as the Lan put on Stone Mountain appearances applied to both opposing and profactions, it was all right with him. He pointed out, however, that the Klan has used Stone Mountain several times previously for giant exhibits to fan the flames of racial and religious hate. Cons. Sat 6-8-46

"But only now, when the Klan is to be denounced, do the owners of Stone Mountain suddenly become worried about trespassing on their property," Mr. Pearson pointed out.

In its state-wide meeting Sunday, the Textile Workers and Union of America, CIO, approved resolutions criticizing the Ku Klux Klan, upbraiding President Truman for his recent message to a joint session of Congress, and censuring member sof Congress who have voted or worked for repeal of price control.

Georgia Bans Klan

Peoples Voice

PROGRESS

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (FP) — Atty. Gen. Robert W. Kenny of California revoked the charter of the Ku Klux Klan last Monday and denied it the right to obtain a new permit to operate. His move followed a superior court hearing in Los Angeles at which former klansmen and other witnesses were questioned about KKK activities. New York, N.Y.

ATLANTA. (FP)—Gov. Ellis Arnall has asked State Atty. Gen. Eugene Cook to determine "what, if anything, can be done legally concerning the activities of the Ku Klux Klan." The governor's request followed a verbal flaying of the Klan by clergymen from the pulpits of more than 20 Atlanta churches. (In Washington, U. S. Atty. Gen. Tom Clark said the Dept. of Justice is planning steps to curb the Klan in any state where it tries to intimidate citizens).

Referring to the recent Stone Mountain ceremony at which the Klan initiated 700 new members, Arnall said: "The Klan desecrated Stone Mountain and held this state up to the ridicule of the nation." 6-1-46

MIAMI, Fla. (FP)—A resolution directed against the Ku Klux Klan and similar groups was unanimously adopted here by delegates to the Southern Baptist convention. The resolution urged member churches to "refrain from association with all groups that exist for the purpose of fomenting strife and division within the nation on the basis of differences of race, religion and culture."

Klan Has Money

Editor to Constitution

Editor Constitution: I can't understand the statement made by Mr. Marvin Allen, Collector of Internal Revenue, that if anyone could point out any assets owned by the Klan he would be glad to attach them. It is to be hoped that the U. S. Secret Service will lend its aid in locating the Klan's assets, as requested recently by the Georgia Legislative Council.

Atlanta, Ga. Sat 6-8-46

Meanwhile, however, Mr. Allen may be interested to know that one of the neighborhood Klan Klaverns opened an account at the First National Bank of West End with a deposit of nearly $2,000 early this year. That should do for a starter in collecting the $685,305.08 the Klan owes the U. S.

JACK ROBINSON.

Stone Mountain.

The Hooded Hoodwinked

News & Courier Sun 6-16-46

Comes a story out of Washington, D. C., that in Twiggs county, Georgia, four hooded men who said they were of the "Ku Klux Klan" kidnaped a negro, beat him with rubber hose because he joined a union, and that the negro identified the four hooded men. Why should men wear hoods if a colored man can hoodwink them? Charleston, S.C.

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Attorney General, GBI Are Directed To Investigate

atlanta Constitution
atlanta, Ga.

By JACK TARVER,
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Defying Klan threats to "ruin" him unless he lays off the hooded order, Gov. Arnall yesterday revealed he had ordered Atty. Gen. Eugene Cook to utilize his entire legal staff and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation in an effort to drive the Ku Klux Klan out of Georgia.

Denying that he is or has ever been a member of the Klan, as hinted by some Klansmen, Arnall said he was directing the Attorney General to bring a writ of quo warranto against the Klan "on the grounds that its incorporation in this State is fallacious in that it is not a non-profit corporation or a bona fide fraternal order; that, while posing as a non-political organization, it is actively engaged in politics; that alleged acts of violence have been perpetrated by its members; and that a full investigation into its activities should be had. Thurs. 5-30-46

"Lay Off," Callers Warn

"For the last several weeks I have had telephone calls from people who asserted they were members of the Ku Klux Klan and who threatened to ruin me if I did not 'lay off' the Klan," Arnall said. "They said the Klan was not used to having men in public office question their operations and that they would get me unless I left them alone."

Arnall yesterday received an opinion from Atty. Gen. Cook to the effect that a state-granted charter could be revoked only through quo warranto proceedings. Then it was he called upon Cook's legal department and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation "to determine whether Georgia law has been violated and whether the charter of the hooded order can be revoked."

Threats made by Klan members in phone calls to him included "other men in public life," Arnall said.

Asked if he considered this to mean James V. Carmichael, only gubernatorial candidate to take a clear-cut stand against the Klan, Arnall replied he could reach no other conclusion.

"Never a Klan Member"

The Governor was especially emphatic in denying rumors that he had one time held honorary membership in the Klan.

"At no time have I ever been a member of the Ku Klux Klan!" he said.

"I am not now a member.

"This is no time to sponsor or foster intolerance, hatred or prejudice among our people.

"I will not be 'framed' as Governor of this State or 'blackmailed' into desisting my efforts to purge the State of this infamous organization which has brought discredit to our State and is a national eyesore."

In a letter to Cook asking what legally could be done to put an end to the Klan, Arnall branded the Ku Klux Klan a discredit to the people of Georgia and said he was anxious to proceed in every legal way to bring about its dissolution in this State. Thurs. 5-30-46

State Powers Outlined

Atty. Gen. Cook's letter replying to the Arnall request held that the State can institute proceedings to dissolve the Klan should an investigation disclose the Klan had wilfully violated the essential condition of its charter.

He stated further, "Of course the Legislature of Georgia has complete and adequate control over all corporations, organizations and groups of persons as well as individuals, and can always pass proper legislation to suppress, prohibit or otherwise alter the activities of any group of citizens, whether organized or not, which the General Assembly deems to be detrimental to the public welfare."

Cook said that according to his information the Ku Klux Klan was incorporated under the laws of the State of Georgia on July 1, 1921. Thurs. 5-30-46

Without comment on the ruling or any statement as to future plans, Gov. Arnall released Cook's ruling, which said, in part:

"As to whether or not a corporation has wilfully violated any essential conditions of its charter would depend upon the evidence of each particular case. Where the evidence is sufficient to show such a violation, it seems clear that the State has recourse against the corporation by quo warranto proceedings. Thurs. 5-30-46

"In 44 Am. Jur. at page 116, the following rule relative to quo warranto proceedings is stated:

"'A corporation is a creature of the law, and the grant of its corporate franchise or charter is always subject to the condition that it will be duly executed and not misused or abused. So, where the corporation perverts or violates the trust thus imposed by doing acts inconsistent with the nature and destructive of the ends and purposes of the grant, the state may proceed by quo warranto against it, either to oust it of all its franchises, or of part of them. The right of the sovereign or state to inquire civilly by quo warranto into the propriety of the continued exercise of a corporate franchise by those who are alleged to have abused or misused it to the injury of the public has always been recognized as an attribute of sovereignty. Although scire facias was also an available remedy.'

"Quo warranto proceedings would clearly place the issue before the court for determination, and upon the presentation of sufficient evidence, the court would be authorized to dissolve the charter of the offending corporation.

"I also call your attention to Section 79-101 of the Code which provides: 'Persons are either natural or artificial. The latter are the creatures of the law, and, except so far as the law forbids it, subject to be changed, modified, or destroyed, at the will of their creator; they are called corporations.'"

House Group Cancels Plans To Probe Klan

Arnall's Investigation May Prove Sufficient

Richmond Times-Dispatch

WASHINGTON, May 27—(UP)—Representative Gerald W. Landis (R-Ind.), member of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, said today that plans for investigators to check on revival of the Ku Klux Klan in Georgia have been abandoned in view of Governor Ellis Arnall's inquiry. 5-28-46 Mon.

He added, however, that it is the Federal government's duty to investigate, and that the committee will decide whether to make its own study if it is dissatisfied with the outcome of Arnall's investigation.

He said the investigators were to have left for Atlanta today with instructions to determine whether a full committee inquiry was justified. Richmond

Acting Chairman John E. Rankin (D-Miss.) said the committee has no immediate plans for an investigation and dismissed as "without foundation" newspaper reports "to the effect that the committee was going to Georgia to investigate the Ku Klux Klan." The report referred to said committee investigators planned an on-the-spot inquiry and noted that the committee had not yet voted to make it a full-fledged investigation.

Rankin said he understood the Klan was being investigated by Arnall, adding that "the Committee on Un-American Activities is not called upon to interfere."

He noted that the Justice Department, through United States Attorney Neil Andrews, said a week ago that it would not check into Klan activities "unless this office receives information that someone's civil rights have been violated."

A REAL CRUSADER

Hard-Hitting Dan Duke Again To Lead KKK Fight

Atlanta Journal

By JIM FURNISS

With the Ku Klux Klan rearing its hooded head in Georgia again, a hard-hitting young lawyer who ran the organization underground before the war is back in the fight, this time to defrock the order completely through the due processes of law.

Dan Duke, 32-year-old Assistant Attorney General of the State, who led the successful, two-year court battle against the Klan following the East Point beatings in 1940, has been selected by Atty. Gen. Eugene Cook as one of the main protagonists in Gov. Arnall's fight to skin the KKK from Georgia.

Duke, no novice when it comes to smoking out the Klan from underneath its sheets, is no impractical crusader. He admits one very important point from the start—

filiations, but against those unscrupulous inner circle

Duke is best known orous prosecution of the Klan after Ike Gaston's lowing a Klan flogging affair, dragged on the Summer of 1941 but the conviction of nine the Klan.

Although threatened life and cautioned by scious politicians, Duke on March 26, 1940, at gathering at Palmetto

"It is sad but true persons occupying high have tolerated these outthe Klan) with contempt difference."

Again, speaking to hundreds of teachers and members of the Parent-Teacher Association in East Point on April 5, 1940, he said:

"The good citizens of are to be congratulated stand they have taken thanked for their co-operation in January, 1941, shortly after he

of whom have renounced their af-

had entered the Officer Candidate course at Quantico. He then joined the State Revenue Commission, as an attorney, moving into the Attorney General's office when Eugene Cook assumed the post of Attorney General in August, 1945.

Mayor of his home town of Fairburn, Duke lives with his widowed mother and his wife, a Methodist. In 1944, he was the town's attorney.

Gagged Press First Tool Of Dark Forces—Duke

In his speech at the Forest Park veteran homecoming party last night, Duke pointed out that those forces who would destroy liberty "have first muzzled the press and made it the tool for the dissemination of their propaganda."

"Of late, you and I have seen public men held up to ridicule; unreliable sheets have been sent out saying they have sold us down the river. Editors of papers have been called vile names," Duke said.

"Why do we witness these attacks? Somebody is mad because they haven't been able to bamboozle the people."

Characterizing the press, teachers and ministers as the first to take the side of the defenseless, Duke gave thanks for the existence of "Ralph McGill, Jack Tarver, Bryan and Ellis Arnall, and those other editors, teachers and leaders who dare to keep the people informed."

"The forces of darkness are making their last desperate stand," he continued. "We should make their defeat final and conclusive."

...ia Acts To Dissolve Ku Klux Klan

By Associated Press

ATLANTA, June 21.—A suit to revoke the charter of the Ku Klux Klan was filed by the State of Georgia in Superior Court here yesterday. State Attorney General Eugene Cook said the action was intended to dissolve the national organization of the invisible empire.

The modern Klan was born on Stone Mountain near here in 1916, and through its heyday of the '20s, and during its recent resurgence has operated under a Georgia charter with Atlanta as the national headquarters.

The suit recites a long list of terroristic acts charged against members of the Klan and declares that the hooded organization was conspiring to "grab control" of the Government.

Superior Court Judge Frank A. Hooper, Jr., ordered the Klan to show cause by July 1 why the charter should not be revoked.

Dr. Samuel H. Green, Atlanta physician, identified in the suit as "Grand Dragon of the Realm of Georgia," refused comment.

S. W. Roper, named as an "Exalted Cyclops," was identified by Assistant Atty. Gen. Dan Duke as an Atlanta policeman and head of the George Bureau of Investigation under former Gov. Eugene Talmadge.

The State declared that the Klan intended to "organize police officers, cab drivers, truck drivers and others in key positions" so that it could "seize" parts of the State Government charged with protection of citizens.

In support of charges that the Klan conspired to violate life, liberty and property provisions of the State Constitution, the petition cited the Klan "naturalization" ceremony held May 9 atop Stone Mountain.

There, the petition said:

"Citizens were seized, arrested and assaulted and forced to listen to a long tirade against the Jews, Catholics and Negroes by two members of the Knights of the Klu Klux Klan. Both of said members were armed with blackjacks and pistols."

The Klan investigation was ordered by Gov. Ellis Arnall, who said he had been threatened by anonymous telephone callers who identified themselves as Klansmen.

U. S. Tax Suit Filed Against Ku Klux Klan

Arnall Also Acts To Stamp Out Order In Georgia

By the United Press.

Atlanta, Ga., May 30. — The Federal Government today filed a lien for $685,305.08 in back taxes against the Ku Klux Klan in Georgia, and Governor Ellis Arnall threw the State's entire Legal Department into the drive to stamp out the reborn hooded order "once and for all."

Arnall ordered Attorney General Eugene Cook to utilize his entire staff to prosecute the Klan. He indicated he would ask the State General Assembly to outlaw "the secret order if present statutes did not provide funds for banning it.

The federal tax lien, filed by Internal Revenue Collector Marion H. Allen, was described as a "formality" that could be invoked against any tangible assets of the Klan—if any can be found. The $685,305.08 is unpaid federal income taxes owed by the Klan from 1921 through 1926.

No Property Found.

Allen said a search for Klan property had revealed nothing that could be attached.

Arnall's declaration of war on the hooded order followed his revelation of telephoned threats to "ruin" him if he did not "lay off."

The liberal young Chief Executive, who leaves office next January, said that gubernatorial candidate James V. Carmichael also had been threatened by the Klan.

Carmichael, Marietta attorney

DR. SAMUEL GREEN
Faces $685,305 Suit.

who is Arnall's choice for the Governorship, is in a heated campaign against comeback efforts of two former Governors—Eugene Talmadge, whom the Klan is reportedly supporting, and E. D. Rivers.

Claim It Is Different Now.

Carmichael has charged Rivers with past Klan affiliations. Neither Rivers nor Talmadge has mentioned the Klan in campaign speeches.

Present officials of the Klan claim their organization is entirely different from the "Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.," which was chartered in Georgia in 1915, flourished throughout the 1920's, and was rechartered in 1935.

During its heyday in the '20's the Klan owned a large "nightshirt factory" in Atlanta, a printing plant, and other holdings, but the property now is in private hands.

Vigorous young Daniel Duke, assistant State attorney general who gained South-wide prominence in prosecuting brutal Klan floggings here in 1941, was named by Cook to direct the State's case.

'Welcomes Investigation.'

Dr. Samuel Green, grand dragon of the Klan here, said he would welcome any investigation and that he would extend the State "the same full co-operation that I offered the Federal Government" when the House Wood-Rankin Committee on Un-American Affairs was reported ready to investigate the Klan in Georgia.

In directing Cook to issue quo warranto proceedings against the Klan, Arnall charged that the Klan had violated its nonprofit charter, the "no-politics" clause in its license, and the State's Criminal Code.

"The Klan is not a bona fide fraternal organization, but exists primarily for the purpose of arousing, fostering, promoting and effectuating prejudice, hatred and intolerance," he said in his letter of instructions to the State attorney general.

Commentator Accepts Klan's Challenge

NEW YORK, (ANP) — Drew Pearson, one of the nation's leading progressive radio commentators, accepted last week the Klan's challenge to go to Stone Mountain, Georgia, after receiving a number of threatening anonymous letters supposedly written by Klansmen.

"One letter challenges me to come to Stone Mountain where 'we will have a killing time,'" Pearson said. "'Please don't disappoint us.'

"My reply is 'I don't like to disappoint anybody, not even the Klan,'" replied the commentator, "so I will come to Stone Mountain early in July at a date to be fixed when I can get radio facilities, and I will broadcast from Stone Mountain what I think of an order which peddles Hitler hate and which is afraid to show its face in public. They can show their faces at Stone Mountain if they dare."

In the same broadcast, Pearson told Governor Ellis Arnall of Georgia to "please investigate the meeting of Atlanta Klavern No. 1, June 3. You will find that attending that meeting were 11 policemen of the city of Atlanta—in uniform. That may explain, governor, why the murder of an Atlanta taxi driver, Porter Turner, stabbed to death by the Ku Klux Klan, has been so wantonly neglected by Atlanta police."

Pearson is the first radio commentator to dare the KKK to carry out its threats and has been one of the booded order's most militant radio foes.

Lashing And Slaying Charged To K. K. K.

BY HENRY LESESNE

ATLANTA, June 8—(AP)—A longtime Klan buster laid a fatal stabbing and a flogging at the door of the revived hooded order today but Grand Dragon Samuel Green disclaimed the connection.

Asst. Atty. Gen. Dan Duke said his undercover agents who infiltrated the Klan reported members of an inner "strong arm" group openly boasted of the killing and flogging.

Duke, who prosecuted a series of flogging cases in 1940 in East Point, an Atlanta suburb, that led to conviction of nine members of the Ku Klux Klan, heads a current state probe into Klan activities.

The investigation was instigated by Gov. Ellis Arnall, who ordered the state legal department to start legal proceedings to try to revoke the Klan's charter.

Duke said the crimes his agents attributed to the inner Klan group, the Kavalier Club, were the slaying of a Negro taxi driver and the flogging by a band of nine men of a 22-year-old Negro veteran.

The taxi driver, Porter Flournoy Turner, was stabbed to death last August. His body was dumped on the lawn of a physician's home in DeKalb County, a part of the Atlanta metropolitan area.

The flogging victim, Hugh Johnson, who saw service in the Navy and is now a bellhop, said that while one man coverd him with a gun, the others lashed him 52 times with a two-tailed leather whip. The beating occurred Feb. 13 in College Park, near Atlanta's Municipal Airport.

GEORGIA WILL FIGHT THE KLAN

Governor Ellis Arnall, of Georgia, has once more proved himself a pacemaker among Southern governors. Not content to stand by and watch his state become a pest hole of Klan activity without doing something about it, Governor Arnall and his Attorney General, Eugene Cook, are moving to liquidate the Georgia Klan by abrogating its charter. Enough evidence already has been amassed, they believe, to assure such an abrogation by either one of two approaches.

One of these approaches would be to impeach the Georgia Klan for its activities, among which are certain flagrant violations of law. The other method of attack would be to dissolve the Klan by proving that the Georgia Association of Klans is the same organization which has welched on nearly three quarters of a million dollars in Federal taxes.

The first of these methods of attack is easily adaptable to conditions in any state where the Klan raises its hooded head. Georgia has set a precedent that calls for

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Ga. Klan Raids Home of CIO Anti-Lynch Fighter

Daily Worker

By Art Shields

MACON, Ga., Aug. 2.—Masked, would-be lynchers last night raided the home of Mike Ross, white CIO organizer, who had been a leader in the fight against the Klan and the campaign to arrest and convict the lynchers who killed two Negro sharecropper couples in Monroe last week. Sat.

The raiders broke into Ross' home in Macon at the very moment that Atlanta Negroes were calling for martial law in the Monroe lynch zone, with Negro troops taking part.

More than $6,500 in cash and pledges was raised for the anti-lynch drive at the meeting in the Wheat St. Baptist Church, which more than 1,000 Negroes attended. Ross, a representative of the CIO Mine, Mill and Smelting Workers, had just returned from Savannah, where he had called for the death penalty for the Monroe lynchers at a mass meeting of several hundred Negroes and whites. He had helped to organize the meeting. 8-3-46

He is scheduled to speak at a bigger anti-lynch meeting in Macon this Sunday.

He returned to find his home broken into and ransacked by vandals from top to bottom. "There is ways of getting rid of white trash," said a note the raiders left behind.

Ross had stepped out of the house again soon after, when his wife, who was sitting by his sleeping 3-year-old daughter on the living-room couch, heard the door crash open, and a masked man, with another tall figure looming behind, rushed at her, shouting that Mike Ross had to come outside.

A white handkerchief hid the man's face, while an over-sized hat was pulled over his eyes.

"WAN- THAT — — — —"

The man kept shouting that they wanted that — — — —, and they knew he was in town.

Mrs. Ross cried back that she was calling the police. The man seemed about to attack her, then left cursing. New York, N.Y.

Anti-Klan Maconites believed the thugs intended to kill Ross. Editor William R. Smith of the Macon **News**, a fearless liberal, whom I talked to, has little doubt on that point. 8-3-46

"Such attacks will increase unless the Monroe lynchers are punished quickly," said Ross last night. "No workers' organizer, no believer in freedom, will be safe unless these Fascists are curbed."

Sheriff Julian Peacock, who defeated a Talmadge man in the last election, with the help of labor and Negro votes, has posted a guard at Ross' house.

TALMADGE LOST COUNTY

Three Klan crosses were burned in Macon during the election, but Talmadge lost the county. A big CIO campaign in the city's textile and other industrial plants is in full swing. Saturday

The Atlanta Negroes' meeting laid the responsibility for the mass lynching near Monroe at the door of the violent campaign of race hatred carried in the primary campaign, which led to the nomination of Eugene Talmadge for Governor on a "white supremacy" ticket.

The Atlanta meeting was organized by the Citizens' Defense Committee, which arose after the lynching near Monroe.

Biggest applause greeted the speeches of Monroe Negroes. Rev. William Holmes Borders, the chairman, demanded martial law, with Negro troops taking part in the defense of the people in the terrorized community.

Rev. Borders, the pastor of the Wheat St. Baptist Church, brought cheers as he gave $100 to the fund for the reward for the arrest and conviction of the lynchers, and cried:

"I want Talmadge to know what I am doing. I want Monroe to know, and I want the brutes who did the lynching to know."

Sheriff Peacock said he was "reasonably certain" that there were no organized Ku Klux Klan activities here and stated that the affair might have been just a prank. However, the cross stood 10 feet high and was well soaked in a gasoline-kerosene-like substance, being visible for several miles.

Clay is the president of a club that was responsible for the high registration among Negroes in Bibb county. He is assistant field organizer for the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car porters. Clay said that he is certain that his union activities were not the cause of the conflict as the CIO is not organizing railroad workers in this area. Sat. 7-13-46

Sheriff Peacock said that he knew of no cases here where efforts have been made to prevent Negroes from voting. Clay said that no one approached or threatened him on the subject of registration or voting.

Probe Fiery Cross Burning In Macon, Ga.

The Informer
Houston Texas

MACON, Ga.—(ANP)—Macon and federal officers were investigating an apparent attempt to terrorize Negro residents of Bellevue last week, after Z. C. Cay, labor union organizer and a member of the local Progressive Colored Demo-

Klan, Bund Negotiator Coming?

The Constitution
Atlanta, Ga.
Sat. 9-7-46

The man who got the Ku Klux Klan and the Nazi Bund together for a meeting in New Jersey has announced that he will set up Southern headquarters in Atlanta as soon as Gov. Arnall "gets the hell out of office."

The man is Edward James Smythe, of Washington, D. C., who, Georgia's Assistant Atty. Gen. Dan Duke says, is under indictment for sedition.

Duke, in a recent trip to New York to gather information for Georgia's suit trying to break up the Klan here, charged there is collusion between the Klan and the Nazi Bund.

Smythe, in a fiery letter to Gov. Arnall yesterday, admitted that "I, and I alone, organized the meeting of the Ku Klux Klan at the German-American Bund's Camp Nordland in the State of New Jersey. He criticized a letter which Arnall reportedly wrote asking President Truman's aid in a fight on the Klan. Smythe bitterly denounced the Jews, the Catholics, the Communists, the United States Department of Justice, Gov. Arnall and Duke, and made references to President Truman.

Smythe is founder of the Protestant War Veterans of the United States, an organization which Duke accused of being a "front" for the Klan. Smythe said he would establish Southern headquarters for this order in Atlanta.

Duke said he has in his possession photostatic copies of a letter which Smythe wrote to Herr Hoffman in Bavaria, Germany, informing the latter of the state of feeling in this country and of plans for a merger of the Klan and Bund. This letter, Duke said, also asked the German for more news releases from a German institute which was used in psychological warfare early in World War II.

Gene Taunts Arnall On Klan Fight

The Constitution
Atlanta, Ga.
Sun. 8-4-46

Gov.-Nominate Talmadge, in a coast-to-coast radio program broadcast by the Mutual Network, has accused Gov. Arnall of "bluffing" in his probe of the Ku Klux Klan, and has also stated that Gov. Arnall was a member of the Klan.

Talmadge, who appeared on the program "Meet the Press" Friday night, spoke from the Atlanta studio of WATL, in response to questions from members of the press in Mutual's Washington studio.

While being questioned by Ernest K. Lindley, Newsweek Magazine writer and syndicated columnist, as to what advice he could give Gov. Arnall in his fight against the Klan in Georgia, Talmadge replied:

"I don't know. Ask Gov. Arnall, he's a member. He holds a gold card." Arnall has denied any connection with the Klan.

When asked by Lorraine Nelson, Washington correspondent of The Constitution, what the basis was for Georgia's county unit system, Talmadge replied:

"It's a geographical representation, the same that we have in Congress. I hope that other States will follow the wise lead of Georgia."

During the interview, Talmadge flatly denied that there were any lynchings in Georgia during his former terms, and reassured that his "Number One aim is to restore the White Primary" to the State.

Talmadge stated that he was a staunch friend of labor, and also of the Negro race, and that his nomination forestalled an outbreak of violence in Georgia.

TO PUSH PROBE

In reply to questions by Lindley Monroe, Talmadge stated that State law enforcement officers would be expected to continue their investigations after he takes office, but added that he was "against" Federal help in such matters.

Talmadge, asked by Lawrence Spivak, editor of The American Mercury Magazine, how he felt about "lynching," asserted that he was "strongly against" lynching, Duke said he has in his possession photostatic copies of a letter as well as "all other types of crime and mob violence." He quoted statistics which he said showed that Georgia was by no means the leader in mob violence.

"I intend to raise the pay of teachers in the State, help the GIs, pave the roads of the State, and expand the hospital program," he stated in reply to a query from Miss Nelson regarding his legislative program. Sun. 8-4-46

WOULD MATCH U. S.

"I will match every dollar the Federal Government puts up to further the cause of education in the state," Talmadge said, adding that he welcomed Federal aid "until" they start putting in "conditions" and "regulations" about use of the money.

In defending the advertising policy of his paper, The Statesman, against an attack by Arthur Sylvester, of the Newark Daily News, who charged that most of the advertising in The Statesman came from a few powerful Georgia firms, Talmadge declared, "We do not solicit advertising, but welcome it—more of the kind we have."

Asked what he intended to do to offset the unfavorable criticism that Georgia has received in the national press lately, Talmadge replied, "I don't consider the criticism of the press very much."

Allen Asks U. S. To Get Klan Taxes

The Constitution
Atlanta, Ga.
Sat 9-14-46

A forceful request that the Chief Counsel of the Bureau of Internal Revenue take steps to collect assessments totaling $685,305.08 against the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., has been made by Marion H. Allen, U. S. attorneys for the three districts of Georgia.

In a telegram to the Washington office of the Bureau of Internal Revenue for the State of Georgia, Allen admitted yesterday he had been unable to locate "any property, either real or personal, owned or possessed by said Ku Klux Klan."

The message to Wenchel stated that the Georgia Legislative Council, a joint labor organization, is, however, Chief Counsel J. P. Wenchel, of the Internal Revenue Bureau, contacted by The Constitution in Washington last night, declined comment on Allen's action, saying he had not yet received the telegram.

He added he would reserve comment until the wire had been received by him.

Allen informed Wenchel that the State has instituted quo warranto proceedings to revoke the tax exempt charter. The corporation, Government," Talmadge said. "The writer has, at all times, and irrespective of personalities, made diligent effort to collect all Federal taxes assessed and from Kenneth Douty, Acting Secretary of the Council, in which Allen filed suit in Fulton Superior Court May 13, 1946, for sent to Douty said the Council had been

collect the back taxes alleged due.

Dr. Samuel Green, Klan Grand Dragon, was quoted by the International News Service as terming the Georgia Legislative Council "a bunch of Communistic CIO's"

Hearing on Georgia Klan Suit Set for September

Atlanta, July 22.—(INS): Hearing on the state of Georgia's suit against the Ku Klux Klan was set today for the week of September 9.

Superior Court Judge A. L. Etheridge set the date on motion of Dan Duke, state assistant attorney general, who had headed the investigation of the Klan.

The hearing will determine whether the suit is dismissed or placed before a jury for trial. The suit came as a result of Governor Ellis Arnall's directive to break up the Klan in Georgia by revoking its state-issued charter. 7-23-46

The Klan has filed an answer denying the state's charges, which include allegations that the hooded organization has violated the non-profit clause of the charter.

Pearson Defended

Editor Constitution: I cannot agree with the Macon Telegraph editorial published in the July 25 issue, entitled "Pearson Didn't Help Any."

You stated we who live in this State and have its welfare closest at heart should do the job, meaning, of course, husting the K.K.K.

I think you forget that this "so-called" organization is not just in Georgia but nationwide. Therefore don't you think it would have been more appropriate to say we people of America who have its welfare closest to heart should do the job. In short, exposing the Klan, is every decent American's business. Mr. Pearson should be applauded and not criticized for his part in exposing this gang. You also forget that these bad boys threatened Mr. Pearson if he came to Atlanta. He called their bluff and came. If we had a few more like Mr. Pearson and our good Governor who was not afraid of these hoodlums they would soon cease to exist. 7-28-46

I also cannot agree with you that Mr. Pearson has not weakened the hooded order. Any gang that goes around breeking the law as the Klan does naturally does not want to be known. Mr. Pearson has put several on the spot by calling their names, and if you will listen to his broadcast regularly I assure you he will name many more. Atlanta, Ga.

I do agree with you, however, that we citizens of Georgia can do our part by expressing our opinion openly and in the press and also giving Gov. Arnall the support he so deservedly needs. Gov. Arnall was the first to attack the Klan. I applaud him for it; we all applaud him for the gallant and fearless fight he is putting up. He is the best Governor Georgia has ever had and I predict that with the right kind of support Gov. Arnall will bust the Klan wide open before he quits.

H. M. DEHNER.

Atlanta.

KKK At Work

Journal and Guide Norfolk, Va. Sat 6-22-46

OBSTRUCTING THE proposed broad scale organization of labor in the South it is interesting to note that the Ku Klux Klan in Georgia has been charged with abducting and beating a man because he refused to resign from his union.

The victim was from the ranks of non-white union members. President WILLIAM GREEN of the American Federation of Labor, has filed a formal protest with Governor ARNALL, calling the incident "un-American and reprehensible."

The incident underlines one of the things the Klan, in its new drive is trying to do. It is anti-labor to start with, and particularly anti-Negro when it comes to labor.

The worker who was beaten had joined the United Cement, Lime and Gypsum Workers International Union, an AFL affiliate. After about 100 men working for a certain company had enrolled as members of the local, a campaign got under way to break it up. The abduction and beating of the worker occurred after he had refused to sign a letter of resignation. The Klansmen, who identified themselves as such, told their victim that they intended to prevent Negroes from joining unions.

Our guess is that a good deal of this sort of violence will attend the current campaign for more complete labor organization in the South, but it will not succeed in its purpose. It may temporarily set back the movement, but we venture to say that the immoral and illegal purposes of the Klan and their backers will ultimately fail.

The progressive young Governor of Georgia is now using all of the authority at his command to revoke the Klan charter in Georgia. This, coupled with the Federal government's drive to collect income taxes, may result in putting the Klan out of business in Georgia. Similar moves may spread to other states, resulting in eventual liquidation of the hooded hoodlums.

BRUNSWICK NEGROES NOT AFRAID AS CROSSES BURN

Daily Worker Atlanta, Ga. Tues. 8-27-46

BRUNSWICK, Ga — (SNS) — Three fiery crosses were burned in predominantly Negro areas of this city within the recent past. One was burned in the southern section of the city, in front of a Negro business and home, owned and occupied by the Newborn family. A second burning took place in the central portion of the city, near the Melody Inn, operated by J. M. Shade. While a third cross-burning occurred in the northern end of Brunswick, near the "Sky View Cafe, owned and operated by Luke Miller, all Negro business leaders of Brunswick.

Eye-witnesses to the burning declared that although they were not personally acquainted with the men who burned the crosses, they could identify some of them, since they were unmasked. The tag number of one of the cars was noted and witnesses claimed that another car was from a local Cab Company, recently established in Brunswick after buying a franchise from another white group a few months ago. Tues. 8-27-46

No cause could be assigned to the burning. One theory is that this city has never voted for Governor-nominate, Eugene Talmadge and that outside influences may be seeking to incite feeling and tension. Another is that there may be local resentment to the thriving Negro businesses which have made great inroads on former white business operators in solid Negro areas, and that this may be the means of intimidating Negro business men here.

Brunswick has never encountered any sort of racial misunderstanding or trouble. There is a population of 10,000 Negroes, but few of that local KKK members had any these would venture the opinion part in the cross-burning.

A representation from the local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colorde People visited the office of Mayor J. Hunter Hopkins Friday to protest the unfortunate occurrence. The Mayor accorded the committee a courteous and sympathetic hearing, giving them as much time as was needed to go in to the entire matter and to discuss what could be done. The committee was composed of C. A. Moore, local branch President Jos. Carmouche, President of the Good Citizens Club, and Dr. W. A. Patterson, chairman of the N. A. A. C. P. Legal Redress Committee. The Mayor promised to make a public statement, denouncing the affair and assured the decgation that he would call upon the Chief of Police, J. E. Register, to make a searching inquiry into the matter.

Klansmen Pondering

Courier-Journal

Pearson Broadcast

Louisville Ky.

THE WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

By Drew Pearson

Friday

Washington.

THE Ku Klux Klan has just issued a "fiery summons" to all Klansmen in Atlanta demanding that members meet immediately in "Extraordinary Konklave." The summons is on a piece of paper about as big as a police summons. In the background is the red figure of a hooded Klansman, and under the heading, "Solemn Summons of the Fiery Cross," appears the following message:

"You are hereby seriously summoned to be and appear at an Extraordinary Konklave. Nothing but a providential hindrance can legally justify your failure to be present. Duty, with all the justice of her unquestionable authority, calls. The call is imperative!

"By mandate of His Lordship,

"The Imperial Wizard."

As a result of this summons, special K.K.K. meetings have been held in Atlanta, attended by more than the usual number of Klansmen. Two questions have been discussed: (1) What strategy to adopt for the Atlanta visit of this columnist on July 21, and (2) raising funds to hire lawyers to prevent revocation of the Klan's charter.

At the instruction of hard-hitting Governor Ellis Arnall, Georgia's Attorney General Eugene Cook has brought an action against the Klan to revoke its charter. Also at the instance of Governor Arnall, this columnist will deliver a radio broadcast from the steps of the State Capitol on Sunday.

Drew Pearson Names Seven Police As Klan Members

Daily Word Tampa Fla.

Tuesday 7-16-46

Seven Fulton County and Atlanta policemen were named by Drew Pearson, Washington columnist and radio commentator, as members of the Ku Klux Klan in a radio broadcast Sunday evening.

In addition of naming the police men, Mr. Pearson stated that he would make his anti-Klan broadcast from the corner of Washington and Hunter Streets next Sunday evening.

In his broadcast, Mr. Pearson declared: Sunday

"The following members of the Ku Klux Klan, according to the confidential files of Government prosecutors, are also members of the Atlanta and Fulton County police: 7-16-46

"Detective Holms.

"Lieutenant 'Cowboy' Johnson.

"Cecil Hester.

"Officer Sturdivant.

"T. S. Keeley.

"Dick Jones.

Last, but not least Grand Cyklops of Klavern No. 297, Sam Roper.

"This is how good police protection is for anyone opposing the Klan in Atlanta."

BROADCAST DEFERRED

Earlier Mr. Pearson stated that he would defer the broadcast until after the Georgia primary as

himself named all screwed up. I do not
listen to his program. 7-16-46
"There is no rule or law against
members of the force belonging to
also any fraternal organization, as
have told everyone. I am a law
not a violation of the law."
Chief Hornsby said that he is
sure any of the men named
of the Pearson are members of the
force. We do have an officer,
Sturdivant on the morning watch.
Pearson just gave his last name.
of but we have a T. O. Sturdivant, Jr
on the force. I don't know a
the Holms. I don't know a 'Cowboy'
Johnson, but we do have a police-
man nicknamed 'Shotgun' John-
son. I do not know whether Cecil
Hester, chairman of City Council's
Police Committee, is a member of
the K. K. K. or not."

In Old Home of Kluxers

The News and Courier

A movement is afoot in Indiana to outlaw the "Klan" and divers other orders and societies that promise to disturb the peace and tranquillity of the one great state that the latterday kluxers captured and governed a quarter century ago. (Indiana is north of the Mason and Dixon Line.). A kluxer was elected governor of that state, and some of it's kluxers were tried and convicted of ignoble offences, such as common frauds, or thefts. Great men and good men have lived in Indiana. They were not kluxers.

Charleston, S. C. Exc. 11-15-46

Still Advocating Hate

The Courier

'Streamlined' Klan Reborn in Indiana

Pittsburgh, Pa. Sat. 11-16-46

By CHARLIE DAVIS, Staff Correspondent

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.—The Ku Klux Klan is on the march again in Indiana. This fact was established last Thursday when the Indianapolis Star broke with a story on the new activities of the Hooded Terror.

The Klan, as such, has been smouldering in the Hoosier State for a number of years, although it was never really dead. It has been revealed by Harold Overton, Wilkinson, Ind., the head man and King Kleagle, that they are now operating in sixty of the ninety-two counties. Headquarters have been established at Muncie, and it is claimed that 121,000 membership applications have been passed out to both the old and new aspirants of the order. Organizers are equipped with applications for "reinstatement and permanent enrollment." These are for the purpose of signing up new members and getting the old ones back into the fold.

The Courier

BRANCH OF GEORGIA UNIT

Pittsburgh, Pa.

Overton terms this the "streamlined" Klan but it still believes in "White Supremacy." The Indiana version is a division of the Georgia Association of Klans, Invisible Empire, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, which is headed by Dr. Samuel Green, Atlanta, Ga., dentist, who is Grand Dragon.

ATLANTA—Pushing its case against the Columbians, Klan-like hate group, the State of Georgia claimed that the Ku Klux Klan attempted a merger with the German-American Bund back in 1940, and that even today it is seeking a tie-up with ultra-nationalist veterans' groups and anti-Negro factions.

When these startling facts were made known just three days after the Indiana GOP election landslide, Governor Ralph F. Gates and Attorney General James A. Emmert struck hard at the reorganizational attempt on the part of the Klan. Mr. Emmert, who was elected to the bench of the Supreme Court for the Second District, in the Nov. 5 election, prepared for legal action against Overton and his organization. Governor Gates said, "the Klan must be unrobed and the principles of pure Americanism. The "streamline" organization has sought to avoid prosecution by Federal or State officials by having application cards signed whereby the applicant agrees to conform to all Klan rules and requirements, not to conflict with the Constitution and constitutional laws of the United States of America nor the State thereof.

Sat.

In elaborating on the reorganization of the Klan, Overton said the Klan won't be quite the same as it was in the roaring '20's. He said there won't be any robes worn by members except at indoor ceremonies. He added, there may be some fiery cross burning, but "I'm not going to encourage it." He also added there would be no rough stuff; stating that the Klan is getting the blame for what other people are doing. "That's why we are not going to permit the wearing of robes."

11-16-46

OPPOSITION PLANNED

One of the most significant meetings held to block the return of the Hoods was the Saturday noon meeting called by the local branch of the NAACP. The meeting was conducted by Mrs. Cary Jacobs, who is chairman of the Educational Committee, and was attended by more than fifty people. In the group were labor leaders, Jews and Catholics.

Attorney Henry J. Richardson, member of the Judiciary Committee, spoke, and pointed out ways of combatting the menace facing the city. He called for a strong alliance between the members of all minority groups, and said that by getting together at this time in full force they would be better prepared to face the State Legislature in sixty days with the strength needed to get a bill across, which would not only black out the Klan, but all and any such organizations which would attempt to discriminate and belittle any of the minority groups. He added that this is a fight for all and not one for Negroes only.

JEWS JOIN FIGHT

Walter Frisbee of the CIO and Ralph Greenburgh who represented the Jewish faith spoke, and each pledged allegiance to the cause. A committee will be formed under the guidance of chapter president Mack Betty and J. Wallace Hall, chairman of the executive committee.

The new organization is governed by the King Kleagle and an advisory council known as the "secret five." It has been said that one of the "secret five" is from Marion County (Indianapolis) and that the Kleagle is the only man who knows the identity of the five.

The new Klan is still true to the original purposes. Indiana membership applications call for only "native born citizens of the United States, of the white race, and Christian religion." Applicants must affirm that they believe in maintenance of white supremacy and

Indiana Klan boasts 121,000 followers

Los Angeles Times Los Angeles, Calif.

INDIANAPOLIS—One hundred 21,000 followers are claimed by the Indiana Ku Klux Klan, which wielded considerable political power in the state 24 years ago. Sat.

The Klan is now said to have spread to 60 of the state's 92 counties. There are also signs that Columbians, inc., new anti-Negro, anti-Jew group founded in Georgia, have found a foothold.

Gov. Ralph Gates (R.) has already promised to seek legislation outlawing both groups. 11-30-46

as the governor announced that he would include it in the list of suspect organizations which would be outlawed as soon as the general assembly convenes in January. The Columbians also faced possible loss of its insignia—a streak of lightning inside a circle. The Industrial Engineering Associates, an Indianapolis engineering publishing firm, filed suit in federal court to restrain the Columbians from using the symbol, claiming that it was their copyrighted trademark.

Heads of both major political parties joined in denouncing the klan after Atty. Gen. James A. Emmert began legal action to dissolve all mystical societies around which a new klan might grow.

Indiana Acts Against Revived KKK Movement

Daily Worker New York, N. Y.

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 20 (FP).—Revelation that the Ku Klux Klan, which terrorized Indiana 24 years ago, has reorganized and sent its agents into 60 of the State's 92 counties brought swift action here from state authorities and organized labor.

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Gov. Ralph Gates (R) pledged to seek legislation outlawing the secret nightshirt order and Columbians, Inc., new Georgia storm-trooper party which has also invaded this state.

Indiana CIO leaders called on each district CIO group to report fully on KKK or other hate-group activities, paying special attention to Muncie and Evansville, centers of native fascism in the state. Sec.-Treas. John Acker of the Indiana Federation of Labor likewise announced full support of the AFL behind the drive to outlaw the klan and kindred organizations.

Leader and King Kleagle of the resurgent klan, which is setting up headquarters at Muncie, is suave, mustached Harold Overton, 45-year-old insurance broker who boasted that he has been associated with the terrorist group for more than 24 years.

The klan already has 121,000 membership applications "in process," according to Overton. County organizers of the klan are recruiting among the old members of the invisible empire, which at its height here after the first world war had 327,000 members.

Its motto still "white supremacy," the Indiana klan is a division of the Assn. of Georgia Klans, which is headed by Grand Dragon Samuel Green, Atlanta dentist. Helping Overton to guide the Indiana KKK is a secret 5-man advisory council. None of the secret five knows who the other four members of the council are, Overton said, claiming that only he knew the identity of all five. Overton listed them as a banker, a businessman, a farmer, a union leader and a city councilman.

Membership application blanks revealed that the Klectokon—membership fee—is still $10 a head. If Overton's membership claims are correct, the drive will net klan leaders $1,210,000 in cash in exchange for which they will hand out the standard nightshirts.

Even as discovery that the klan was back in business peddling its old race hatred doctrines created a furore throughout the state, membership applications for the Columbians, Inc., made their first appearance in Indiana. Ferret-faced Emory Burke, Atlanta president of the new Nazi-like organization, admitted that members were being recruited in the Hoosier state but boasted: "This is only the beginning, however. We plan to organize from Atlanta to Chicago. The midwest is ripe for such a thing."

Kentucky, Tennessee and Indiana, he said, would be key concentration points of the Columbians, whose members wear brown shirts and ape the Nazis' Heil Hitler with Hail Columbia.

The Columbians' foothold in Indiana became uncertain, however,

Dummit Studies Killing Kentucky Klan Charter

Courier Journal
Louisville, Ky.

Frankfort, Ky., June 20 (AP)—Attorney General Eldon S. Dummit said today he was contemplating steps to cancel the charter under which the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan operate as a corporation in Kentucky.

He said he had been corresponding with officials of other States about the matter, and explained, "I always like to have my ammunition before I start a fight."

Secretary of State Charles K. O'Connell's records showed the Klan legalized its corporate existence in Kentucky December 31, 1940, by filing here a certified copy of its Georgia charter, but had not paid its annual "verification fee" of $1 for 1944 and 1945.

H. T. Perdew, principal clerk in O'Connell's office, expressed the view that if Georgia wins its suit to cancel the Klan charter there, that would automatically end its corporate existence in Kentucky. Dummit said that was one of the angles he would look into.

Perdew said failure to pay the annual tax was insufficient to void the Klan's Kentucky rights, adding, "There are no teeth in the law" in that respect.

THE PURCHASE

Cross Burned In Caldwell; Investigation Is Started

Sun. New Era, Ky.
Sunday, 6-23-46

PADUCAH.

WHETHER burning of a fiery cross on U. S. 62 near Princeton was a "youthful prank" or the Ku Klux Klan's way of announcing its revival, was the question Caldwell County authorities hoped to answer after an intensive investigation. Princeton Police Chief E. E. Jones revealed that all City and County officers had pledged co-operation in preventing reorganization of the hooded order in Caldwell County, where it was strong between 1922 and 1924.

Caldwell Authorities Fight Revival of K.K.K.

Courier-Journal

Special to The Courier-Journal.

Princeton, Ky., June 18.—Princeton and Caldwell County peace officers have joined forces to prevent the Ku Klux Klan again becoming active in the county, Princeton Police E. E. Jones said today.

Jones, who said he and Caldwell County Sheriff Otha Towery were pressing investigation of the burning of a Klan cross on Princeton-Dawson Springs Highway near here last week, declared that Ku Klux Klan "gangs" such as operated here two decades ago will not be tolerated.

The night the fiery cross was burned three miles from the Princeton business section, Sheriff Towery and Night Police Chief Cecil Oliver were notified and reached the scene while the beacon was still in flames.

Chief Jones said they found no clews as to who lighted the cross, but were satisfied a Klan representative, "probably a non-resident organizer," was responsible.

Jones said he had heard reports attempts would be made to revive the Klan here. He recalled that 20 years ago it was a "strong" organization in Caldwell County and that its activities cloaked extensive illicit liquor operations.

What Caldwell County Knows About the K.K.K.

Courier Journal
Louisville, Ky

THE peace officers of Caldwell County and of Princeton, the County seat, are moving in wisdom born of experience. They learned a long time ago that for ways that are dark and tricks that are vain, the Ku Klux Klan is peculiar. They learned that crosses are burned to no good purpose, and that a mask usually is worn to cover an evil intent. And so they are out to nip the budding revival of the Klan in their territory before it blossoms in its old hideous flower.

What they learned in particular is that when the Klan flourished in Caldwell 20 years ago, its activities covered many an illegal liquor operation. People have been learning things like this about the hooded organization since the K.K.K. rode in the nights of the Reconstruction Era, more than 70 years ago. Swiftly debauched by the excesses of brutality and plunder made possible by mask-wearing, it had to be disbanded by its more scrupulous leaders. They found that they had created a moral *Frankenstein monster*. And if this was the case then, to how much greater degree is it so today, with all the proof that the modern K.K.K. was created by racketeers to coin ignorance and prejudice into gold.

Things like the Caldwell County experience of criminals finding the mask to their advantage are constantly turning up. The Klan as a terroristic service for hire is pretty well known—to intimidate or manhandle labor organizers; to get rid of a business rival, to scare good citizens away from too close scrutiny of gambling, rum-running or public grafting, to elect a candidate by organization or to defeat one by the "kiss of death" through unwelcome support. All these things are, indeed, so well known by now that it is small wonder the gang is on the run everywhere.

Kentucky Files Suit Against Klan, Asks Charter Dissolution

News and Courier

Frankfort, Ky., July 22.—(U.P.) The state today filed suit in Franklin circuit court asking immediate dissolution of the charter of the Ku Klux Klan in Kentucky on grounds the organization was a "lawless, seditious one of nazi tendency, whose sole purpose is to create division and dissension in the United States."

The suit was filed in the name of Attorney General Eldon S. Dummit.

Charleston, S. C.

Dummitt's seven-page written case against the Klan charged that the organization never had been a "benevolent" institution as identified in its charter.

His indictment said, "if relief is not granted against the corporation, a real danger exists that orgies of lawlessness, based on racial, religious and national prejudice and hatred ultimately will arise in Kentucky."

Thurs. 7-25-46

FRANKFORT, Ky., Sept. 4 (UP).—Franklin Circuit Court Judge William B. Ardery today revoked the corporation privileges permitting the Ku Klux Klan, a Georgia corporation, to operate in Kentucky.

The privileges were withdrawn by a default judgment ordered entered by Judge Ardery on motion of Assistant Atorney General Emmett V. Mittlebeeler.

It directed that the corporation be deprived of rights and privileges of doing business in Kentucky and declared the Klan's state organization **"for all purposes legally dead and non-existent."**

Kentucky Governor Presses Klan Fight

Clarion Ledger
Jackson, Miss.

Anonymous Letters Denounce Stand

Sat. 8-10-46

Frankfort, Ky., Aug. 9 — (AP) — Eldon S. Dummit, State Attorney General, disclosed receipt of letters attacking negroes, Catholics and Jews — as well as his own motives — as he announced himself ready today to press his suit to outlaw the Ku Klux Klan in Kentucky.

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Kentucky Ends Klan Charter

Daily Worker New York, N.Y.

Order Revokes Klan Rights In Kentucky

For Constitution
Atlanta, Ga.
Thurs. 9-5-46

FRANKFORT, Ky., Sept. 4—(AP) Corporate rights of the Ku Klux Klan in Kentucky were revoked in an order entered by Circuit Judge W. B. Ardery here Wednesday.

The judgment was filed in Atty. Gen. Eldon S. Dummit's suit against the hooded organization when no one appeared to contest the case.

The formal order put the court on record as finding as true Dummit's charges the Klain gained corporate privileges in this state by falsely claiming its purposes to be "benevolent and eleemosynary."

The judgment also stated the Klan had "carried on its business and affairs in Kentucky contrary to law and order and against the peace and dignity of the commonwealth by fomenting racial and religious hatred and prejudice through terrorism and propaganda.

Technically the order could be taken by the Klan to the state's highest tribunal, the Court of Appeals, for review, the attorney general said, but he expressed belief Wednesday's order would be final.

KENTUCKY FIGHTS KLAN

FRANKFORT, Ky. (ANP)— Atty. Gen. Eldon S. Dummit said here last week that he was contemplating a move to cancel the charter under which the Ku Klux Klan operates as a corporation.

The Klan Is Outlawed; Now For a Bigger Job

The Courier Journal
Louisville, Ky. Tues. 9-6-46

THE Ku Klux Klan as a formal, legal organization is through in Kentucky. Now there lies ahead the task of wiping out the narrow, poisoned, unhappy state of mind that the Klan represents.

It is a point of some regret that the Klan's Kentucky charter was revoked on a technicality. In the fitness of things, it would have seemed better for this action to be taken on the demerits of the fascist order and its un-American record of intolerance. But nobody appeared to defend the Klan in the last moment for a response to the State's suit against it. The court felt it could only enter a judgment by default. An opportunity to spread the truth about it, for the protection of men's minds, was lost.

We should like to believe that this muteness of defense means the spirit of the Klan is dead in Kentucky. We are afraid, however, that the evidence does not support the hope. The display of hate-filled, bigot-authored letters received by Attorney General DUMMIT since he filed suit to revoke the charter bears a sad story.

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whatever it is based, is not without its gain to the good society. No longer will it be possible for organizers and mercenary lecturers to go about mulcting the ignorant and the inferiority-ridden person of his dollars for K.K.K., at any rate. At least one variety of mumbo-jumbo has been evicted from further open habitation in the temple that it defiled.

And it is not the sort of thing that will live long underground, because the profit for its callous promoters has been taken out of it. If it continues in secret, its status will be that of a mob, with the law on its trail. And so, isolating and localizing one infection, we shall have a better chance of accomplishing the really important end of democracy's salvation.

Court Revokes Charter Of Ku Klux Klan In State

The Courier-Journal
Louisville, Ky. Thurs. 9-5-46

By the Associated Press.

Frankfort, Ky., Sept. 4.—The right of the Ku Klux Klan to do business in Kentucky was ordered revoked today by William B. Ardery, Franklin circuit judge.

Ardery rejected a strongly phrased judgment against the Klan prepared by Attorney General Eldon S. Dummit's staff and directed Circuit Court Clerk Kelly C. Smither to draw up a default judgment restraining the hooded organization "from holding itself out in any way as a corporation, duly authorized to do business in Kentucky."

Klan Fails to Answer.

The Klan failed to file an answer to Dummit's suit which sought revocation of its charter. The Klan was not represented in court today.

The judgment offered by Assistant Attorney General Emmet V. Mittlebeeler was turned down by Ardery as "a political document."

"I have fought the Klan all my life," Ardery told Mittlebeeler, "but I am not going to turn my court into a political forum."

Ardery pointed out the Klan was not present to defend itself against Dummit's charges and said it was improper for him to sustain the attorney general's accusations without having heard the Klan's side.

Dummit filed suit against the Georgia Klan's Kentucky charter on July 22. He accused the Klan in the suit of persecuting those of other races and religions and certain labor leaders. Dummit said the Klan showed "Nazi tendencies" and that its policy is violence.

He sought revocation on grounds that since 1943 the Klan had failed to notify Kentucky officially that it was still in existence. A State law requires this notice annually from all chartered corporations.

Dummit expressed disappointment in Ardery's directed judgment. "But, after all, that's the judge's privilege," he said.

He added the default judgment would "accomplish the same purpose" sought in the suit.

Target of Letter Writers.

The attorney general said he planned no further action against the Klan or its individual members "unless something bobs up."

The suit made Dummit a target for letter writers over all the country. The majority of letters lambasted him as pro-Negro, pro-Jew and pro-Catholic.

The suit brought praise and encouragement, too. A Brooklyn, N. Y., man admired Dummit's "courage" and hoped "you succeed very soon."

"A great majority of our citizens are in back of you in this fight," a northern Kentuckian wrote; and an Owensboro woman said "thousands are praying that you will be successful in exterminating such a disgusting blot on the record of Kentucky." "Hearty" approval came from a Kentucky Mayor.

Action Against P.A.C. Asked.

Lauding letters also came from California, Utah and Washington, D. C. The Courier-Journal

A Philadelphia Republican charged that Dummit must be "a damned Jew for messing" with the Klan. An Indiana writer asked him to get after the C.I.O.'s Political Action Committee, "a menace to civilization."

From Lexington came a demand that he bring "indictments against the Catholic clergy" for permitting gambling. An 80-year-old from the "deep South" said he happened "to know the K.K.K. was first organized to protect the white women from the black brute." Louisville, Ky.

Fight On Communists Urged.

Another Indianan told him the "K.K.K. is the best thing this country has ever seen. I was in the Army almost a year and everybody I ever talked to hated the Jews and niggers and would join the Klan if they could."

A former Marine private from northern Kentucky asked Dummit to pursue Communists and enclosed a copy of a congratulatory letter he wrote to Senator Theodore Bilbo (D., Miss.) for winning the primary election and admitting he (Bilbo) was once a Klansman. Thurs. 9-5-46

Race Hatred Is Charged By Kentucky

Courier-Journal

Suit Alleges Order Exhibits Nazi Tendencies

Louisville, Ky.

By the Associated Press.

Frankfort, Ky., July 22.—Suit to revoke the corporate privileges of the Ku Klux Klan in Kentucky was filed by Attorney General Eldon S. Dummit today.

Dummit said the Klan was chartered in Georgia in 1916 and qualified in Kentucky as a corporation in 1924, and added that, "I believe if we can get the charter canceled here, it will keep them from getting started again in Kentucky."

The petition charged that the Klan in qualifying as a corporation here described its purpose as "benevolent and eleemosynary," but that its actual purpose was to persecute those of other races and religions and certain labor leaders. It also charged that the Klan has "Nazi tendencies" and that its established policy is violence. Tuesday

Fails to File Declarations.

Violation of Kentucky corporation law by failure to notify the secretary of state annually that it still is in existence also was alleged. The suit stated that not since 1943 had such a statement been filed, although the secretary of state had sent notice of the requirement to the Klan's offices in Atlanta. 7-23-46

In 1943, the suit continued, the Klan designated Walter G. Clominger, Covington, as its process agent, or legal representative, in Kentucky, but has not filed a similar designation since then. Failure to file an annual designation of a corporation's process agent, the suit added, authorizes notice of suits against it to be filed with the secretary of state.

Bias Against Negroes Charged.

The suit by the Commonwealth's chief legal representative added:

"Plaintiff further states that the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan is not and never has been a benevolent and eleemosynary corporation, but a lawless, seditious organization of Nazi tendencies whose sole purpose is to create dissension and divisions among the citizens of the United States and of the Commonwealth and to work violence on citizens of the United States and of the Commonwealth who do not belong to the same religious denomination or racial or national stocks as persons in control of the defendant corporation."

Dummit's suit, filed in Circuit Court here, declared the Klan's "harassing, molesting and maltreating" is directed against "Negroes, persons adhering to the Roman Catholic and Jewish faiths, persons born outside the United States and leaders and representatives or organized labor." 7-23-46

Kentucky Official Pushes Klan Suit In Spite of Threats

The Florida Times-Union
Jacksonville, Fla.

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The Republican attorney general asked for revocation of the Klan's Kentucky charter on the grounds the hooded order had violated state law by not filing annual statements with the secretary of state. He said today he was prepared to prosecute his suit when circuit court convenes next month.

Kentucky Readies Fight Against Klan

James Dispatch
Richmond, Va
Sat 8-10-46

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The Attorney-General's remarks were made in an interview, in response to a routine query by a reporter who had asked if there were any developments in the Klan case.

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A Wise Precaution By Mr. Dummit

Courier-Journal
Louisville, Ky.

WHILE the Ku Klux Klan has been qualified as a corporation in Kentucky since 1924, the State has been blessedly free of nightshirt hooliganism. But the home-grown Fascist freak has reawakened in its home State of Georgia, and has shown ugly signs of spreading. So it is with some foresight and alertness that Kentucky's Attorney General ELDON DUMMIT has filed suit to revoke the Klan's right to do business in Kentucky. The Attorney General has given Kentucky a good opportunity to stay a long jump ahead of the Klan.

As has been pointed out before, the Klan—with its racial and religious intolerance, its play on ignorance, its disregard for the decently constituted agencies of the law—is not only a corporation. For it represents a state of mind. However, despite this, its outrages flourish most heartily when, through corporate privilege, its leaders have an opportunity to make money out of it. Therefore, by pulling the rug of corporate status from under Klan feet in Kentucky, the Attorney General would remove the chief incentive for its revival here. Wed 7-24-46

It is typically cynical that the Klan qualified as a corporation in Kentucky as a "benevolent and eleemosynary" institution, for if one searched for two words to describe what the Klan is not, these two would be his choice.

Mr. DUMMIT has more aptly described the Klan in his suit as "a lawless, seditious organization of Nazi tendencies whose sole purpose is to create dissention and divisions among the citizens."

One of the perverse attributes of the Klan is that it seems to thrive, at least temporarily, on adverse publicity. In the two weeks following publication in *Life Magazine* of an accurate and decidedly uncomplimentary picture series on the Klan, its Atlanta headquarters received hundreds of new applications for membership. But it has been comfortingly proven in the past that this type of response is temporary, and is overwhelmed by decent public opinion that will have none of the Klan or its works.

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KKK (Kentucky)

Klan Killed In Kentucky

Defender
Chicago, Ill.

Corporate Life Of Order Is Ended

Sat. 9-21-46

FRANKFORT, Ky.—First step toward wiping out the Klan in Kentucky was taken last week when Judge William B. Ardery revoked the right of the hooded order to do business in the state as a corporation.

However, this official death knell of the Klan, does not mean that the bed-sheet and pillow-case hoodlums cease to exist within the state. It simply means that as a corporation duly authorized to do business in Kentucky, the Klan no longer exists.

The hearing was marked by Ardery's refusal to accept a strongly phrased judgement against the Klan prepared by Atty. Gen. Eldon S. Dummit's staff. Instead he ordered Circuit Court Clerk Kelly C. Smither to draw up a default judgement. This move had the same affect as sustaining Dummit's judgement.

The judge's objection to Dummit's judgement was his interpretation of it as "a political document."

Old Klan Foe

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Dummit filed suit against the Georgia Klan's Kentucky charter in July. He sought revocation on the grounds that since 1943, the Klan had failed to notify Kentucky officially of its existence. A state law requires an annual notice from all chartered corporations.

It was because of the Klan's failure to respond to this that its privileges were withdrawn, rather than on the strength of Dummit's other allegations.

Dummit had accused the Klan of persecuting those of other races and religions and certain labor leaders. He declared that it showed "Nazi tendencies and that its policy is violence."

Dummit, while expressing disappointment over the judge's action, conceded that the judge was acting with his authority and that the main purpose of the suit—the outlawing of the Klan—had been accomplished. He said he planned no further action against the Klan or its members "unless something bobs up."

Gets Heavy Response

Dummit got unexpected nationwide response to his suit, and most of the letters blasted him as pro-Negro, pro-Jewish and pro-Catholic. However, there were some laudatory letters, too.

Among these was a letter from a man in Brooklyn, N.Y., who said he admired Dummit's courage. A Kentuckian wrote: "A great majority of our citizens are in back of you in this fight." "Thousands are praying that you will be successful in exterminating such a disgusting blot on the record of Kentucky," an Owensboro woman wrote. A Kentucky mayor sent his "hearty approval."

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Writers holding the opposite point of view were very bitter. One letter informed him that he must be "a damned Jew." Another urged him to get after the PAC, "a menace to civilization."

Hooded Knights Rain Letters On Kentucky Attorney

The Defender
Chicago, Ill.
Sat. 3-24-46

FRANKFORT, Ky. — (ANP)— Kentucky's attorney general, Eldon S. Dumit is probably more convinced than ever this week of the necessity to rid this state of the Ku Klux Klan.

Recently he filed suit to dissolve the hooded kinghts' order in the state of Kentucky on the grounds that they had failed to file annual statements with the secretary of state.

Since then he has received more than 50 letters attacking Negroes, Catholics and Jews.

Most of the letters, Dummit said, came from Kentucky but there were a number from states as far away as California and Utah.

KKK (Michigan)

MICHIGAN KKK COMES BACK IN FLINT AREA

Chronicle
Detroit, Mich.
Sat 6-22-46

Return Of Klan Action Feared Throughout State

By WILL V. NEELY

FLINT, Mich. — (ANP) — The Klan is back again in Michigan. What people thought—but hoped wasn't true—definitely proved itself in the burning of a huge fiery cross near the Negro dominated Third ward of this teeming industrial city Monday.

Answering frantic telephone calls, police rushed to Selby Park and extinguished a crude burning wooden cross which had alarmed neighbors of nearby homes.

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Negro Candidate

Police believed the burning cross had political significance owing to its proximity to the Negro filled third ward which is running a candidate, George Friley, for commissioner. 6-22-46

Several of Friley's supporters have received warning that to run a Negro as candidate would rejuvenate the Klan in Flint.

Some days ago, a leading minister wrote an article in the city's leading newspaper stating that he endorsed the Klan because only 100 per cent Americans could join it. This touched off a barrage of articles from the Negro population together with comment from other civic leaders wondering if this was the case, why it barred members with dark skins.

Police have been watching the Flint situation closely for some time, especially since Mr. Friley decided to run for the office of commissioner.

The city's position as America's automobile center and the fact that it is particularly ripe for racial tension is a factor that is keeping civic leaders and police on the alert at all times.

Chronicle

No Investigation

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(NNPA)—The action of the House Un-American Activities Committee in voting 5 to 1 on May 29 not to investigate the Ku Klux Klan does not meet the approval of Rep. J. Parnell Thomas, (R., N.J.), a committee member. Detroit

Thomas was absent when the committee voted that an investigation be not conducted at the present time because there was not enough evidence to warrant the probe. 6-22-46

"If I had been there I would have voted for an investigation," Thomas said.

Thomas is the ranking Republican member and if the Republicans should gain control of the House in November, he would take over the chairmanship of the committee.

None of the committee's three investigators have done any work on the Klan as such. Ernie Adamson, committee counsel and a Georgia product, says all the committee knows about the Klan is contained in newspaper clippings and letters of complaint it has received.

Field Man Working

Whenever a field man has been in the vicinity of a person who has written that he has information about the Klan, Adamson has ordered the field man to call on the informant. But nothing has come out of any of these leads that could be called evidence, Adamson said.

"We have to have the goods on an organization before we can act," Adamson declared. "To me the Klan is just another organization."

Adamson said the committee turned down the Klan investigation on a motion of Rep. J. W. Thomas, (D., Utah). Robinson's motion, however, left the way open so that the committee might reconsider its action later. Robinson simply moved that "all official action" regarding the Klan "be deferred until a future time." 6-22-46

The records, attested to by John S. Wood (D., Ga.) committee chairman, stated that Representatives Robinson; John E. Rankin, of Mississippi; J. Hardin Peterson, of Florida; John R. Murdock, of Arizona, and Wood, of Georgia, all Democrats, and Karl E. Mundt, of South Dakota, and Gerald W. Landis, of Indiana, Republicans, were present at the meeting on May 29.

Adamson said Wood and Mundt sought the investigation, but Mr Mundt was the only committee member who voted against tabling the motion to investigate. Wood did not vote.

Adamson added that he was making the committee's action public to correct some inaccurate reports about the vote.

Some members of the committee said privately, however, that an informal check of Klan activities will continue.

Chairman Wood and Adamson had been discussing the possibility of a Klan probe in an informal manner last month, when Representative Landis told reporters that Klan activities would be investigated. Rankin denied there would be an investigation. Both actions nettled Wood since there had been no committee action.

In executive session on May 29, Wood introduced the subject. Robinson, who voted against additional funds for the committee, immediately declared that the Klan is an old established American institution and said there was no connection between it and un-American activities. He offered the motion not to investigate, Rankin seconded it. Det 6-22-46

Rankin Ouster Demanded

A demand for the ouster of Representative John E. Rankin, (D., Miss.) because of his "un-American activities" was made last Friday by the Philadelphia Council of the American Veterans of World War II.

The action was taken after the veterans learned that Rankin defended the Ku Klux Klan as an "American group." Charles Murray, commander of Olney Post 77, who presented the resolution, said Rankin is "stuffing the Congressional Record with Hitler-inspired tirades against American minority groups." Detroit Mich

The American Federation of Labor said last Friday night that four masked men who represented themselves as Ku Klux Klansmen kidnapped Willie Dudley, a colored worker, at a clay pit, and beat him with a rubber hose when he refused to resign from a union.

A statement from William Green, AFL president, said the alleged kidnapping took place early June 9 when Dudley refused to sign a letter of resignation from the United Cement, Lime and Gypsum Workers at the P.W. Martin Clay Company of Gordon, Ga.

Green directed George Googe, the AFL southern organization director, to present a formal protest to Governor Ellis Arnall.

The union opened an intensive organizing drive as part of its Southern organization campaign at the Martin plants and mines on May 24, according to Felix C. Jones, business representative of the Union.

In the first week about 100 workers were enrolled, he said, but the company granted an eight-cent rise to establish a 50-cent hourly rate retroactive to May 16. Resignations from the union followed and Jones said they were a result of a campaign to break up the new local.

Jones said the sheriffs of Twiggs and Wilkinson Counties promised to investigate the beating incident, Jones reported: 6-22-46

Willie Dudley, a Georgia clay pit worker, was seized by four masked men who represented themselves as members of the Ku Klux Klan.

So far, he said, his investigation showed the men were "merely members of local anti-union folks."

This was the third incident reported by either the American Federation of Labor or the Congress of Industrial Organizations since the two union organizations announced intensification of their drives to unionize the South. Both the others occurred in Alabama. 6-22-46

Sheriff Hambrick refused comment on the Dudley beating, saying: "I don't want nothing published." He did say, however, that Dudley could identify his asailants only by voice.

SIGLER LINKED TO MICH. KLAN LEADER IN 1943

By William Allan
Daily Worker

Detroit, Aug. 2.-- It became apparent here today that more and more people soon would begin recalling connections of Republican gubernatorial candidate Kim Sigler with a 1943 Ku Klux Klan leader. Detroit, 9-25-46

Sigler, fair-haired boy of the auto industry here, was the self-styled ace prosecutor for the grand jury in 1945, which had "Night-Shirt" Charlie Spares, Ku Klux Klan vice-president, for its "investigator." Det. 8-3-46

Files of the Michigan Corporations and Securities Commission show that in 1943 the KKK filed its reports with Spares officially listed as one of its leaders.

A new tie between republicans and the KKK was revealed when it was learned that the Republican Club of Wayne County meets at 89 W. Forest here. This address is given as KKK headquarters in the Klan's report to the Corporations Commission. Det 7-24-46

Michigan Klansmen Still Alive

News
BY ARTHUR W. EVERETT

DETROIT, Aug. 23—(AP)—Officials of Catholic, Jewish and Negro organizations say there has been no evidence of any organized Ku Klux Klan activity in Michigan in recent years. State and local police confirm their statements.

However, an official in a position of authority in Detroit told The Associated Press that it would be "premature" to describe the Klan as entirely inactive. The knights still cling to life.

The original state charter was granted in 1925 and the K. K. K. still makes statutory annual reports to the State Corporations and Securities Commission. John M. Dill, of Flint, whose name appears on the latest one, declined to say how many members are enrolled.

The old Klan headquarters in Detroit is now owned by the United Sons of America.

A police file in Detroit describes an official of the United Sons as a man who has "carried on the activities of the Ku Klux Klan." Neither the United Sons nor its leaders has been accused of any unlawful activity.

Mathis declined to say whether he had ever been a klansman.

There are recurrent reports of Klan activity within factories—especially the big auto plants. A Grand Jury in Detroit is currently inquiring into such allegations.

Officials of the CIO United Auto Workers report no important evidence of large-scale Klan "cells."

The K. K. K. appeared in Michigan after the First World War.

In 1923 the Michigan Legislature, aiming directly at the Klan, outlawed public meetings of masked persons.

By 1924 the K. K. K. was credited by newspapers with controlling 200,000 votes in Michigan.

The state Klan was disbanded in 1924, but testimony in a court case disclosed that it continued under the guise of the S. Y. M. W. A. Club, letters of which stood for "Spend Your Money With America." Birmingham, Ala.

Flaming Cross Marks Michigan Klan Revival

The Defender
Chicago, Ill.
Sat. 6-22-46

FLINT, Mich.—(ANP) — Police were called to extinguish a burning cross in Selby Park here last week, believed it was placed there by the Ku Klux Klan to terrorize Negro citizens of the third ward, which reportedly is reorganizing in Michigan. Suspicious of citizens were confirmed when burning cross was discovered near the Negro dominated third ward.

In other sections of the country he battle against the home-grown fascist order was highlighted by a civil suit for non payment of taxes n Georgia, and the revoking of its state charter in California.

which was printed in the city's leading paper. He favored the Klan, the minister wrote, because only '100 per cent Americans' could join.

Since that time police have been watching for any attempts at violence by the hate monger group, which reportedly is reorganizing in Michigan. Suspicious of citizens were confirmed when burning cross was discovered near the Negro dominated third ward.

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The national Klan sent emissaries to Michigan in 1925, and the Klan was revived and incorporated.

Former klansmen were identified as members of the Black Legion, a terrorist organization of the 1930s.

There were Klan demonstrations in the 30s, crosses were burned and a few minor atrocities were blamed on the Klan, including one kidnaping and branding. 8-25-46

In 1937 the Klan officially asked —and was denied—permission to parade in Royal Oak, Mich., and in 1940 a man claiming to be a klansman sent emissaries to Michigan boasted that the knights were ing cross in Selby Pa ject a religious issue into a cam paign which landed Harry F. Kelly for commissioner in local minister, has iss 'warnings' to Negroes Friley as a candidate. T have been ignored, and gro and white citizens in condemning the mini

The Klan in Michigan

The Courier Pittsburgh, Pa. Sat. 8-31-46

The inquiry into the Ku Klux Klan has now moved into Michigan where the hooded organization was once a political power but recently has sunk into obscurity.

Officially, the Klan no longer exists in Michigan, but significantly, its former headquarters is now occupied by the United Sons of America, one of whose leaders is described as having "carried on the activities of the Ku Klux Klan" although he stoutly maintains that "The United Sons is not now and never has been connected with the Ku Klux Klan."

This may be true literally, and yet, like many other subversive organizations in this country, the KKK has adopted the practice of shifting its membership to innocent-sounding organizations which do not wear pillow cases and bed sheets but nevertheless carry on the policies and propaganda of the Klan secretly.

For instance, a lot of these people bobbed up in the terroristic Black Legion which beat and killed citizens during the 1930s until it was forced to officially disband.

While the Michigan Klan was disbanded in 1924, court testimony has disclosed that it kept up its nefarious activities under the name of the Symwa Club, the letters of which stood for "Spend Your Money With Americans."

It will probably be difficult to root out the Klan in Michigan and elsewhere because, like the Nazis, Fascists and Communists, it operates under various aliases and its members no longer admit that they are Klansmen and do not wear any distinctive uniform.

But no matter under what name it operates, it can be detected for what it is by what it says and writes and does.

Its "line" everywhere is anti-Negro, anti-Jewish and anti-Catholic, and everywhere it fishes in the troubled waters of racial and religious prejudice.

Rent Hike Drive Hatched in KKK Hangout

Daily Worker New York, N. Y.

DETROIT, Nov. 20.—A new outfit campaigning to wipe out rent controls is operating from headquarters long known as a Ku Klux Klan hangout. The headquarters are at 89 West Forest Ave., which was officially listed by the KKK as its offices when it filed as a non-profit organization with the State of Michigan some years ago. Thurs. 11-21-46

The title of the new outfit is Federated Property Owners of America, Inc. It is headed by John Dalzell, who is listed as vice president. Listed as president is one Eugene G. Hathaway, real estate man.

Ten members of this outfit picketed the White House in Washington yesterday, with slogans calling for lifting of rent controls and with placards reading "Down with Communism."

Dalzell in 1942 was named by Federal authorities in a conspiracy to prevent Negroes from moving into the Sojourner Truth Federal Housing Project. At that time Federal authorities charged a race riot was instigated against the Negroes.

Mass attacks in 1942 were launched by goons who were organized obviously by KKK elements. Dalzell was acquitted. The brutal attacks on the Negroes were greeted by Dalzell, who said he admired the real estate owners' "fighting spirit."

Dalzell and Hathaway, during the GM strike last winter, issued a leaflet to GM veterans calling for the breaking of the GM strike, giving the old KKK hangout at 89 West Forest Ave. as an address. Dalzell and Hathaway spoke to the meeting called by the leaflet urging veterans to go back to work. The veterans howled them down and took over the meeting.

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Orlando, Fla.

Fiery Cross Burned Near Negro College

JACKSON, Miss. [UP] A fiery cross eight-feet high blazed upon a hill on the campus of Tugaloo Negro College near here midnight Tuesday, a faculty member revealed yesterday.

J. H. Owen of the college staff said that the cross, its poles wrapped in kerosene-soaked rags, was touched off at 11 p.m. and burned for about two hours.

Four or five figures stood around during the ritual, he said. They did not wear hoods or drapes, and they made no attempt at violence or a disturbance.

The college, 15 miles from Jackson, is a four-year institution supported by the American Missionary Assn. of New York. It has an enrollment of 270 students, but most of them are away from the campus for the Summer.

Owen reported that Dean L. B. Fraser declined to notify the authorities of the cross-burning because he thought "it was all a prank."

"But I think it has deeper significance," Owen said.

Residents of the area recalled last night stories that a fiery cross had been burned on the same hill more than 50 years ago. However, there had been no racial trouble or incidents of this type in the sector in this generation.

Sen. Bilbo Admits He Is A Member Of Ku Klux Klan

But Is Not 'Informed' Group Is Seeking To Undermine U. S.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10—(AP)—Sen. Theodore "The Man" Bilbo (D., Miss.) told a nationwide radio audience last night that he is a member of the Ku Klux Klan although "not in sympathy with some of the things in it."

"I am a member of the Ku Klux Klan No. 40, called the Bilbo Klan No. 40, Mississippi," the senator said in answer to a question by Lawrence Spivak of the American Mercury.

"I attended one meeting and have not attended it since, because I am not in sympathy with some of the things in it," he added.

Bilbo declared he could get Klan support now because "no man can leave the Klan. He takes on oath not to do that. Once a Ku Klux, always a Ku Klux."

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THE SENATOR WAS INTERVIEWED by four newspaper and magazine correspondents in the Mutual Broadcasting System network show "Meet the Press." The interviewers were Ernest K. Lindley, of Newsweek; Cecil B. Dickson, of Gannett Publications; Bert Andrews, of the New York Herald Tribune, and Spivak.

Under questioning by Spivak, Bilbo declared that "I am not informed that the Ku Klux Klan as I know it is seeking to undermine the government."

He said he was "not advised" what the Klan stands for at present but "I heard Gov. Talmadge tell some newspaper last Friday night, they could find out about it by consulting Gov. Arnall of Georgia. He is a member and received a plaque award as a member."

He said the Klan would not, however, support Arnall because "no traitor of the organization, or any Klan, ever got any support."

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BILBO DENIED THAT HE BELIEVED IN "LYNCH LAW" and said that in eight years as governor of Mississippi, "I did everything in my power to do away with the lynch law in my state."

Andrews then asked him about the statement he was reported to have made during the recent campaign that "the way to stop Negroes from voting was to start from the night before."

Bilbo: "The reporters may not be so reliable."

Andrews: "I think on this, sir, I would bet on the reporters' integrity against yours, because all of the reporters seem to agree on that particular quote."

The senator then said the exact statement he had made was: "The best time to keep a nigger away from a white primary in Mississippi was to see him the night before."

He explained that "we thought, under the law, he had no right to vote, and the best thing was to see him and advise with him the night before and tell him that he had no right, because I read the law in practically every speech I made, passed in 1942, that disqualified every Negro in Mississippi from voting in a white Democratic primary."

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"IT IS GOOD DIPLOMACY and good strategy to keep them from voting," he added.

During the course of the 30-minute broadcast, Bilbo termed Sen. Taft (R., Ohio) the "blah-blah-blah member of the Ku Klux Klan al-though "not in sympathy with some of the Senate," said Hodding Carter, Pulitzer prize winner and publisher of The Greenville, Miss., Times, is "the biggest liar in the South," and denied he was prejudiced against Italians or "high-class Jews."

Bilbo's statement about Sen. Taft was prompted by a question from Dickson in which he quoted Taft as saying Bilbo was "a disgrace to the Senate."

Bilbo declared Taft "has played every string on the instrument in his effort to line up what we call the pinks and the Reds and the off-brand of the political life of America, to further his interest as a candidate for the presidency of the United States."

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ANDREWS ASKED if Bilbo agreed with a magazine poll which voted him the "worst man in the Senate" and Bilbo retorted:

"The best judge of senatorial service . . . would be the people of the state, and I am perfectly satisfied with their verdict every time I have asked for the job — three times."

Spivak quoted Carter as saying Mississippi ranked "at or near the bottom of the list in literacy, venereal disease, low income per person, public health, unpunished crimes of violence, including lynching."

Bilbo thereupon said Carter was "the biggest liar in the South and a number one Quisling and betrayer and traitor to the South."

In response to questioning about Bilbo's "Dear Dago" letter to a New York woman, the senator declared, "I used an old Southern phrase that we always use when we speak to certain classes of Europeans."

"In that connection, I want to say that I have no prejudices whatever against the Italian people, because all the Italians in Mississippi support me, and all the high-class Jews support me."

Pickets from several organizations marched back and forth in front of Mutual Studios here and in New York during the broadcast. Some carried signs saying, "Oust Bilbo."

Bilbo Confesses What Everybody Would Know

IT is hard to imagine a more appropriate name for a chapter of the K.K.K. than "Bilbo Klan." And to those who know what the hooded order means—the mumbo-jumbo, the appeal to ignorance and arrested development, the obscene perversion of human dignity—it comes as no great surprise that there actually is one of this name.

It is Bilbo Klan No. 40, of Mississippi, and one of its members is the man of which it is the namesake, none other than Theodore himself.

The Mississippi Senator's cool confession of his membership was made in a radio interview. As we said, it should have surprised nobody. But the striking thing was the shamelessly public nature of it. This was characteristic of everything The Man is, does and says. It is as if his studied intent is to shock, and nothing more; to dote on outraging proprieties, for the simple hell of it.

Charge him with what you will—and he admits it without the quiver of an eyelash, perhaps without the trace of a smile, though he doubtless is chuckling inside. The result is that the opposition is disarmed, if by no more than being rendered for a moment breathless at a revelation it had not expected. And you come to see that Bilbo is unique, and to see that in this fact rests his power. He turns the expected into the unexpected. Bilbo, for example, is Klansman. You knew it, somehow, all the time, but the very sangfroid of his admission holds you speechless.

Bilbo's Klan Burning Crosses

Daily Worker New York, N.Y. Mod 8-28-46

The Mississippi Ku Klux Klan in which Bilbo proudly admitted membership is burning crosses in the Negro area of Jackson, the state capital. Street riders have fired shots into the air while the crosses burned.

A Negro leader whose name cannot be mentioned said the Klan was attempting to **"intimidate and cower Negroes because of their recent political activity."**

In a run-off Democratic primary today, Dan R. McGehee, incumbent and John Bell, Williams county attorney are seeking nomination to Congress, McGehee claims he has been **"the target of opposition from Negro votes and the CIO-PAC."**

Throughout the state incidents and tension between Negroes and whites ares increasing as the Negroes become more and more militant in defending themselves from attack.

REPORT BURNING OF CROSS

New York Times

Negroes in West Jackson, Miss., Say Riders Fired Shots, Too

JACKSON, Miss., Aug. 26 (AP)—Negro residents of West Jackson reported today the burning of another fiery cross Saturday night in the Washington addition, a Negro subdivision here.

This would be the third such cross to be burned in this district recently. Some shots were reported firmed onto the air by men who rode through the street during the burning.

One Negro leader, who asked that his name not be used, said he saw in the cross burnings "an effort to intimidate and cower Negroes with reference to their recent political activities."

There is a run-off Democratic primary election here tomorrow in which Dan R. McGehee, incumbent, and John Bell Williams, county attorney, are seeking nomination as member of Congress from the Seventh District. Mr. McGehee has declared he has been the target of opposition from Negro voters and the CIO-PAC.

Bilbo, The Kluxer

News-Birmingham, Ala.

It is no surprise that Mississippi's Bilbo should be a member of the Ku Klux Klan. He's that type. Nor did he join for mere political kudos, as some public officials have done. He has the Klan spirit, the Klan mentality. A mask and a hood become him. He gives meaning and body to Klan propaganda. Bilbo voluntarily acknowledged, in a broadcast, his affiliation with the nightriders. His statement was more of a boast than a confession. It was, therefore, a reminder of the Klan's increasing boldness in these tense postwar days, and a warning that only through unrelaxed vigilance can the forces of bigotry be kept under control.

Colors Under Masks

News & Courier, Charleston, S.C.

From Jackson, city and capital of Mississippi, comes news that in the suburbs a fiery cross was burned, second in two weeks, and that a dozen negroes saw it, which prompts the question, was the fiery cross burned by white people or by negroes? In the burning of fiery crosses is no horrifying danger or public offense unless they be burned by persons who hide their faces. Masked persons, white, colored, "Reds" or reactionaries, are usually suspicious characters, though the "Mummers" who parade once a year in Philadelphia do no harm worth mentioning. On account of their concealed countenances The News and Courier is opposed to the chartered and unchartered kluxers, in Mississippi and on Long Island.

RACIAL: Once a Ku Klux

Outside radio station WOR in Washington last Friday, Aug. 9, a picket line marched slowly back and forth carrying banners demanding the ouster of Sen. Theodore (The Man) Bilbo of Mississippi

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What about the lynch law for which Ku Klux stands?

BILBO: I did everything in my power to do away with the lynch law in my state.

Then how did he explain his advice on keeping Negroes from voting?

BILBO: I said the best time to keep a nigger away from a white primary in Mississippi was to see him the night before. [The announcer interposed: "Mr. Bilbo . . . we will ask you not to refer to any race . . . in any derogatory way."] . . . I haven't got time to keep a Negro from voting. At a white Democratic primary we thought, under the [Mississippi] law, he had no right to vote, and the best thing was to see him and advise with him the night before and tell him that he had no right.

Wasn't that intimidation of Negroes who differed with his interpretation of the law? 8/18/46

BILBO: You can call it what you may. It is good diplomacy and good strategy . . .

What about the Fifteenth Amendment to the Constitution and the Supreme Court ruling upholding Negroes' right to vote in white primaries?

BILBO: They will never qualify to vote in white Democratic primaries in Mississippi, because we are going to abolish the primary under the opinion of the Supreme Court and hold our own party elections. The Supreme Court can't monkey with our business.

Cross Burns at Negro College

Times, New York, N.Y.

JACKSON, Miss., Aug. 16 (AP)—A fiery cross burned for two hours Tuesday night on the campus of Tougaloo College, a Negro school fifteen miles North of Jackson.

Faculty members watched the blaze on the crest of a hill about eighty-five yards from the home of Dean L. B. Fraser. They saw no one in the vicinity.

Fraser dismissed the incident as a prank, but Prof. J. H. Owens said he associated the cross with recent voting by Negroes in a Mississippi Democratic primary election. The professor said there was little or no voting by students at Tougaloo. Sat. 8-17-46

The fiery cross is the symbol sometimes used by the Ku Klux Klan. Acting Governor Fielding Wright said recently, however, that he knew of no Klan activity in Mississippi.

So far as is known publicly, the last Mississippi Klan charter expired in 1924.

KKK (Missouri)

KLAN ACTION FOLLOWS ASSOCIATION'S VICTORY

City Officials Decide Negro Children Have Greater Need

A cross bearing a Ku Klux Klan mask was burned in Buder playground, Hickory street and California avenue, about 11:00 p.m. Tuesday, one day before city officials had announced that the grounds would be changed from a white to a Negro recreation center. The apparatus of the center had been locked up since a body of Negro adults and children marched into the playgrounds June 7 in an open stand for its use.

Unperturbed by the cross burning, plans went on as scheduled Wednesday and four Negro workers took over at the playground under City Negro Playground Supervisor Branch Russell. They were William Grady, John Arthur Graham, Mary Jane Thomas and Forrestine Polk. Colored children enjoyed all facilities in the park which for more than 30 years served whites.

Saw Cross Burning

One of the first persons attracted by the burning cross was Mrs. Thelma Watson, an officer of the St. Louis Civic Improvement Association which led the efforts to obtain a playground for "shutout" Negro children on the Southside. The flames could be seen from her home two blocks away. Arriving at the scene, she stated she saw a group of what appeared to be white youths, scurrying from the scene.

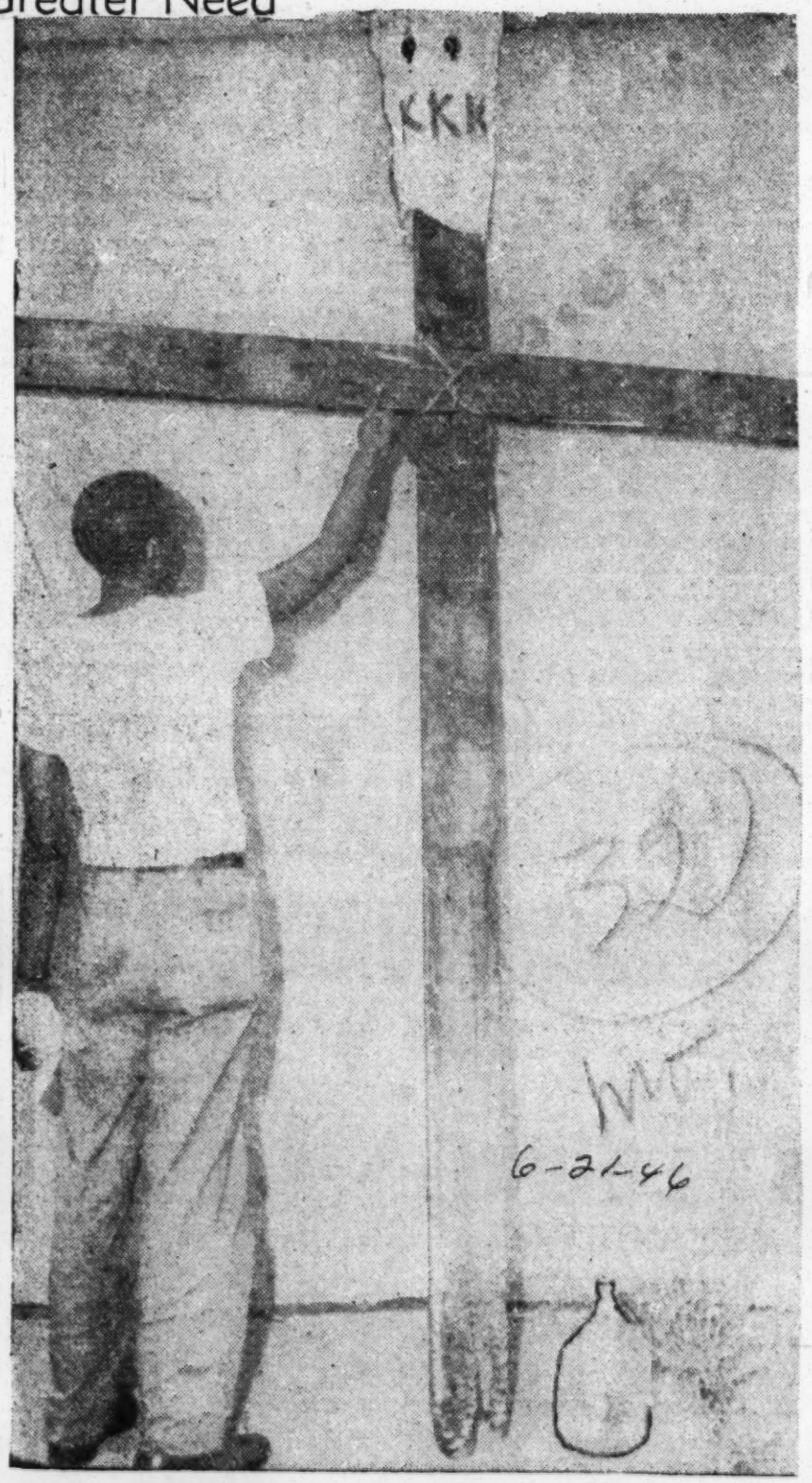
The cross was about ten feet high. It had been wrapped with paper and saturated with gasoline. A gallon jug which had contained the fluid was found nearby. Around the cross in a circle were the playground benches.

Police stated that the cross showed perfect workmanship and indicated that it had been done by a skilled adult and not by boys. Acting Chief of Police O'Connell also felt "the people out there need some religion."

Outsiders Appear Instigators

Park Commissioner Palmer Baumes announced the change of the playground Monday. He termed it a temporary action as it was felt that 512 white children in the neighborhood had adequate playground facilities, while the 901 Negro children did not.

It was revealed that a petition against turning the playground to Negroes signed by 1100 white persons had been submitted to Commissioner Baumes, but that only 391 of the signers lived in the vicinity of the playground. The decision on the playground followed a conference on the petition between the Commissioner and Director of Public Welfare Henry S. Caulfield.



KKK Cross Burned At Buder Center

FORWARD ST. LOUIS

THE KKK COMING

The shades, if not the shadows of the Ku Klux Klan are moving in on St. Louis from several angles. It is not a mere accident that Gerald L. K. Smith and his cohorts are at this time concentrating their activities in this community. A rattlesnake, said to be the most poisonous of all reptiles, we are told, has a pilot who goes before him. In this connection we merely repeat that the America First party, of which Gerald Smith is head, is just another front for the KKK. Everybody knows that the Ku Klux Klan takes its roots and flourishes on the same rotten filth of race hating, race baiting, rabble rousing that is planted in a community by the Smith crowd.

The spirit of the two organizations is the same. They see eye to eye. They suck the fascist juice from the same quill. They are against any sort of a Fair Employment Practice Ordinance for St. Louis. And the strange thing about our situation here is, it looks as though they have the hooks in the noses of some of the big-shots down at the City Hall.

Mr. Mayor, you know we want a Fair Employment Practice Ordinance.

We also assume that you know that the Smith crowd has no intention or purpose of rendering any real service to this community of which St. Louis is its largest body.

Everybody knows that the purpose of the Smith crowd is to stir up those latent powers, racial hatreds and bigotry, which just a few years ago set the world on fire, the result of which was the bloodiest war the world has ever seen. The flower of American manhood has been sacrificed that the hate mongers might cease. But the Smith crowd is determined that Hitlerism shall not only live in America, but flourish through certain agencies spearheaded by the leaders of Fascism planted here.

With these facts before you Mr. Mayor, we don't see how you can allow the Smith crowd use of the city auditorium to the hurt and harm of the tax payers.

Burn KKK Cross In Saint Louis

By R. C. FISHER

ST. LOUIS— (ANP)— A burning, fiery 10-foot cross and a white hood bearing the letters "K. K. K." were found last Tuesday night at 11 o'clock in the Buder playground which has been designated a recreation area for Negro children. Heretofore the playground has been used by white children.

The cross consisted of two timbers drenched with fuel oil and bolted together. The hood was a white sack in which eye-holes had been cut.

The playground bounded by California avenue, Hickory and Rutger streets and South Ewing Ave., was staffed with Negro supervisors after investigation by Park Commissioner Palmer B. Baumes showed the 500 white school children in the neighborhood had access several other playgrounds, while the 901 Negro children had no recreational facilities at all.

PROTEST PLAYGROUND

Whites in the neighborhood vigorously protested against Negroes taking over the Buder playground The vicinity is divided about half and half between persons of both races.

More than 400 Negroes defied the opposition and swarmed into the playground last June 7, although the swings were locked, the wading pool was dry and removal of top soil had made the tennis courts unusuable. The playground has a two-story community center building.

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JERSEY TO MOVE TO ABOLISH KLAN

New York N.Y. Times

Attorney General to Request Court to Nullify Charter— Recent Activity Reported

Wed 7-31-46

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

TRENTON, N. J., July 30—Attorney General Walter D. Van Riper said today a New Jersey Supreme Court order would be sought "in the next day or two" to make "inoperative" a perpetual charter granted in this State in 1923 to the Ku Klux Klan.

With reports circulating that Klan members again were active in New Jersey, Gov. Walter E. Edge announced his endorsement of Mr. Van Riper's action, remarking that "there is no place for the Klan in New Jersey."

Mr. Van Riper said the court order, if granted, would have the effect of voiding the Klan charter. He said that "while the document actually cannot be removed from the files of the Secretary of State, the organization cannot operate under it." Asked if the action would be similar to that taken in the New York Supreme Court Monday, revoking a Klan charter in that State, he said: "It amounts to the same thing."

Should members attempt to function under the charter, he said, their conduct could become subject to the criminal laws of this State. The penalties, he explained, would depend on their acts "and might bring anything from a $10 fine to ten years' imprisonment.

In a formal statement of his intentions, Mr. Van Riper said:

"I am now preparing and will file within the next day or two a petition in the New Jersey Supreme Court in which I will apply for a writ of quo warranto to prevent the Ku Glux Klan from operating under its corporate charter within the State of New Jersey.

"The petition upon which the application will be made for this writ will allege that the Klan is operating under orders from the Imperial Kloncilium (supreme executive committee) of the Ku Klux Klan of the State of Georgia and that the activities of this organization are in violation of the Constitution of the United States and of the constitution and laws of the State of New Jersey.

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"I have advised Secretary of State Lloyd B. Marsh to refuse to accept for filing any certificate of incorporation which seeks to amend or supplement in any way the present certificate of incorporation of the Ku Klux Klan, which has been on file in this State since 1923."

A routine amendment to the charter, filed Oct. 11, 1935, with the office o fthe Secretary of State, bore the names of William I. Morgan, Gray B. Lester and Bertram H. Thome. There were no addresses, but that of the registered office of the Klan in the State was given as 87 Logan Avenue, Long Branch.

JERSEY SEEKS END OF KLAN'S CHARTER

New York Times

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

TRENTON, N. J., Aug. 1—A petition to nullify the charter of the Ku Klux Klan and prevent it from carrying on activities in New Jersey was filed today by Attorney General Walter D. Van Riper in the State Supreme Court.

There have been conflicting reports that the Klan contemplated a revival of its operations in this State. The Attorney General in his petition to Justice Harry Heher charged the organization with "arousing racial and religious prejudices, fomenting disorder and encouraging riots and unlawful assembly in contempt of the State." Justice Heher gave the Klan twenty days in which to file an answer.

On 8-2-46

While the charter of the group, filed with the New Jersey Secretary of State in 1923, would remain on file if the petition is granted, Mr. Van Riper said, no Klan action could be taken under it without risk of violation of State criminal laws.

In New York State the Supreme Court recently revoked a Klan charter.

The attorney general said he would endeavor to have the petition served on William I. Morgan of West Long Branch, a signer of an amendment to the Klan Charter filed with the Secretary of State. Mr. Morgan already has announced he is not interested in any current activities of the order. He was identified by Mr. Van Riper as the last president of the KKK in the state.

The action, a petition for a writ of quo warranto, would require any Klan official served, who chose to contest it, to show before the Supreme Court by what right the organization was functioning under the charter.

The Attorney General has declared the activities of the group violated the federal and state constitution, and has advised Secretary of State Lloyd B. Marsh to refuse to receive further amending documents for the existing charter, or new incorporation papers if submitted.

State Attorney General Nathaniel Goldstein disclosed yesterday that at the request of law enforcement agencies in New Jersey, Kentucky and Georgia, he had forwarded copies of the petitions filed in the Supreme Court here to dissolve the Ku Klux Klan in this state.

On 8-2-46

Mr. Goldstein received from Attorney General Eldon S. Dummit of Kentucky a telegram stating: "We are contemplating taking action in this state against the Klan." Daniel Duke, Assistant Attorney General of Georgia asked for information with reference to any connection between the Klan here and in Georgia. He also asked for any evidence "dealing with un-American activities of the Klan that might be of use to the state of Georgia in proceedings to oust the Klan and revoke its charter."

Dissolution Of K. K. K. In New Jersey Is Asked

The News Birmingham, Ala.

TRENTON, N. J., Aug. 2—(AP)—The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of New Jersey have 20 days to show cause why their state corporate charter should not be abrogated, State Supreme Court Justice Harry Heher decided yesterday.

The show cause order was issued after Atty. Gen. Walter D. Van Riper applied to the court for writ to dissolve the hooded Klan.

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In his application for the writ, Van Riper said he would offer testimony to show that the K. K. K. "is an unlawful organization destructive of the rights and liberties of the people and does operate in violation of the Constitution and laws of the United States and the State of New Jersey.

Klan Crosses Go Begging

Times Herald, Newark, N.J.

SPECIAL TO THE NEWARK EVENING NEWS.

LINDEN, N. J., Aug. 2—Two Ku Klux Klan crosses made of artificial flowers went begging when police here yesterday auctioned a diversified assortment of unclaimed articles that had accumulated at headquarters in the last three years. The crosses had been placed on a World War I monument several years ago. Taken down by war veterans, the crosses were turned over to police.

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Klan Dissolved in New Jersey

The Afro-American Baltimore, Md.

Connection With Bund Cited by Atty. Gen.

Sat 10-19-46

AIMS 'IMPROPER'

Violate Man's Rights Under State Statutes

TRENTON, N.J.—The fourth State to take such action, New Jersey, through its Supreme Court, on Oct. 10 outlawed the Ku Klux Klan and forbade it to function under the State charter granted in 1923.

Acting on information gathered by Attorney General Walter D. Van Riper, the high court, citing the Klan's link with the German-American Bund, termed its objectives "improper."

Although there was little open evidence that the Klan was functioning this year, despite rumors to the contrary, Mr. Van Riper testified that the New Jersey Klan and Bund members had met at Camp Nordland on Aug. 18, 1940.

Order Not Contested

Filed by Justice A. Dayton Oliphant, the order exterminating the Klan was not contested, either by William I. Morgan of West Long Branch, to whom it was given, or by any other of the alleged members.

Other States which have outlawed the hooded night riders are Kentucky, New York and California. Action is pending against the Klan in Pennsylvania and Georgia.

Destructive of Rights

In his testimony before the Supreme Court, Mr. Van Riper stated, "The Ku Klan of New Jersey is an unlawful organization, destructive of the rights and liberties of the people."

Pointing out that it violates both the Constitution and Federal and State laws, he added that the Klan "does advocate the arousing of racial and religious prejudices, fomenting disorder and encouraging riots and unlawful assemblies in contempt of the State."

Moreover, he stated, the Klan in Jersey was "subservient" to the supreme executive committee of Georgia, adding that the committee's objectives are not lawful in the light of New Jersey statutes.

JERSEY OUTLAWS THE KU KLUX KLAN

The Times

Judgment of Ouster Filed by Justice Oliphant After He Hears Van Riper Evidence

New York, N.Y.

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

TRENTON, Oct. 10—The Ku Klux Klan was outlawed today in New Jersey by order of the Supreme Court, which concluded, on information from Attorney General Walter D. Van Riper, that its objectives were "improper" and it had had a link with the German-American Bund.

A judgment of ouster was filed by Supreme Court Justice A. Dayton Oliphant after receiving testimony concerning recent activities of the Klan from Mr. Van Riper. The organization is forbidden to function under a State charter granted in 1923.

Fri. 10-11-46

The action was served on a former representative of the Klan, William I. Morgan of West Long Branch, but neither he nor any other alleged member contested it. Other persons identified as incorporators in 1923 could not be reached or had died.

The Attorney General, who proceeded against the KKK last August as was done in New York State and Georgia, testified to a meeting of New Jersey Klan and Bund members at Camp Nordland in North Jersey, Aug. 18, 1940.

He also stated to the court that "the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of New Jersey is an unlawful organization, destructive of the rights and liberties of the people and does operate in violation of the Constitution and laws of the United States and of the State of New Jersey, and does advocate the arousing of racial and religious prejudices, fomenting disorder and encouraging riots and unlawful assemblies in contempt of the State."

The Klan in the State, he said, was "subservient" to the Imperial Kloncilium (supreme executive committee) of Georgia. The committee's objectives, he added, were not lawful within the meaning of New Jersey statutes.

Although reports circulated of revived activity of the Klan this year, there was little open evidence of it.

Justice Oliphant, who next week will be sworn in as Chancellor of the New Jersey Chancery Court, signed the ouster order after concluding that Mr. Van Riper's findings were "sufficient."

The Defender

DEMAREST, N. J. — On five occasions in the past two weeks serious property damage has been narrowly avoided when crude fiery crosses were set against the shingles of the Roman Catholic church. Laying the blame on juvenile pranksters, Chief of Police Theodore F. Volkommer, last week said his department does not think "anything is implied," but that "misguided amateurs" are at the bottom of it. He hopes to prevent "a lot of people and societies from New York" investigating the matter.

Chicago, Ill. — Sat 11-2-46

Fiery KKK Cross In Atlantic City

Daily World Atlanta, Ga.

BY MIKE HENLEY

ATLANTIC, CITY —(ANP) — A stir was created among residents of Atlantic City's north side when the trade mark of the Ku Klux Klan, a fiery cross five feet high, was found lashed to a telephone post less than 10 blocks from the city hall here last Monday night. The cross, pieced together with 2 by fours and well tarred to last a long time, was situated in the 500 block on North Ohio Avenue.

Whether it was the joke of some pranksters or the real thing was unknown at the time, but the belief expressed by some observers is that the emblem is a warning of the terrorist invasion, not by the Klan, but by the Columbians, Inc. newest thing in hate groups, recently organized in Georgia.

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Fiery Cross Emblem
Of KKK Appears
In Atlantic City
Sat 11-2-46

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"We heard and read about such incidents in the south and if something like this is starting here in Ocean City, who said that do something now to stop it."

Typical comment made by residents was that of the Rev. C. T. Mayo, pastor of Shiloh Baptist church in Ocean City, who said "We heard and read about such incidents of Atlantic City's north side. Whether it was the joke of J. Jones, local chairman of the Atlantic City, the police should or the real thing, but the whatever evidence uncovered would

Spread Fight Against the KKK

THE Dewey Administration was compelled to move to outlaw the Ku Klux Klan in New York as a result of the exposure of the Klan by the Committee for Justice for the Freeport victims and by this paper.

Until the committee uncovered the existence of the Klan, the state was blissfully ignorant of its existence, or so it appears.

The committee was organized to fight against the KKK mentality of "trigger-happy" cops who shoot first where Negroes are involved and ask questions after, if at all. Those cops are being shielded by the same Dewey Administration.

Terror against the Negro people, particularly by police but also by private individuals, is spreading in the streets of New York. Incident after incident is being reported. It is time Mayor O'Dwyer took some action to curb the police in their brutality against Negroes.

But while we fight to end this KKK spirit here, New Yorkers, in company with the rest of the nation, have got to demand of the Federal government that it act to outlaw the KKK and its spirit elsewhere, particularly in the South.

We cannot allow a repetition of the post-Civil War days when the hooded terrorists murdered, pillaged, and burned without restraint and imposed their ruthless dictatorial rule on the people.

The struggle against the KKK requires that the murderers in Georgia be hunted down and made to pay with their lives for their savage crime.

Fiery Crosses Burn In Philly on Lynch Eve

By Walter Lowenfels

PHILADELPHIA, July 31.—Within a few hours of the Georgia lynchings last Thursday, the fiery cross of the KKK was burned in two places in this area for the first time in some 20 years.

One cross was burned at 1.30 a.m. Friday morning, July 26, less than 12 hours after the Georgia murders, on the grounds of the First Baptist Church, Rubicon Ave., Crestmont, a suburb just outside the Philadelphia city limits.

"About 1,200 Negroes, most of them homeowners, live in this community of some 1,400. One of their spokesman, Horace Johnson, 362 Fairview Ave., across the street from the church, an eye-witness to the burning cross which he helped to extinguish, told the Daily Worker:

"We want this thing wiped out without bloodshed. But we are not going to let it get us. We are prepared to defend ourselves if necessary."

Crestmont is a mile from Willow Grove where the Klan was active before it was driven underground some 20 years ago.

A protest mass meeting of 500 Crestmont residents jammed the church Monday night. It authorized a committee of 25, which met last night, to organize a vigilante defense committee in case local police reject demands to again swear in the Negro auxiliary police who served during the war, and appoint a Negro policeman, who has been awaiting appointment for some time.

Johnson told us the Committee will also demand that Governor Edward Martin take action, and that President Truman and Attorney General Tom Clark are being called on for an immediate investigation and cleanup of the KKK.

Early Wednesday morning, a day before the Georgia murders, another fiery cross, 200 feet high, was burned on New London Road, Newark, Delaware, on the fringe of a Negro community of some 300, a mile from the Maryland border.

Newark, population 6,000, was a notorious stamping ground for the Klan before it was driven underground 20 years ago.

The FBI, Newark police and Delaware troopers have been called on to investigate, but have reported no progress

The night before the Newark cross was burned, Mrs. Ruth Green, a white farm owner received a mysterious telephone call. She was asked about the proposed sale of her 160-acre farm to a group of Wilmington Negroes. Early the following morning, the cross was burned near her farm.

Newark is a strict Jimcrow town in the duPont domain. Negroes are barred from theatres and are not permitted to sit down for service in restaurants or drug stores.

The burning of the Crestmont Cross described by Mr. Johnson: "It was about 6½ feet long and five feet wide, and burnt up part of a tree on the church grounds before we put it out.

"We saw it burning from our windows. Three autos and several men participated. One car blocked off the north end of the street at Prospect Ave. A second car was parked in the middle of the street, at Summitt Ave. The third car evidently had brought the cross to the church.

"The cars zig-zagged down the highway, making good their escape. One of our neighbors, Norman Sudler, was coming home late, and saw them speeding away.

"We are peaceful and law-abiding people, and can't find any reason for it. But we are ready to defend ourselves if necessary."

Other members of the Defense Committee include: Charles Budd, East Elkins Park, local NAACP president; James Laster, Mr. Bevins, Mrs. Helen Wormley and Mrs. Marjory Cottom, all of Crestmont.

Prosecutor Asks List Of Kings Klan Members

The New York Times
New York, N.Y. Sat 8/3/46

A list of the Brooklyn members of the Ku Klux Klan was requested yesterday by Edward S. Silver, chief assistant District Attorney of Kings County. The request was directed to Attorney General Nathaniel Goldstein.

Mr. Silver said he did not plan to take legal steps against the outlawed organization's members but would place the list "in my files for future reference." He pointed out, however, that prosecution was possible under Section 40A and 40B of the Civil Practice Law, which bars discrimination for reasons of race, color or creed, and makes aiding and abetting such activities a crime also.

"If these persons engage in un-American acts they are a menace to decent living," the prosecutor said. "We should know who the members are and we should scan the list thoroughly."

Klan Revived In Bronx, ALP Candidates Charge

Daily Worker
New York, N. Y.

The Ku Klux Klan is being revived in the Bronx and has direct connections with the Klan in Georgia, Assemblyman Leo Isacson and Chester Addison, laborite candidates for the state assembly, charged yesterday.

The charges were contained in a joint letter to Borough President James J. Lyons, in which the laborites requested that Lyons call upon the City Investigation Department to take action.

The letter called attention to the fact that Wilson Bush, Bronx Klan leader, was among those cited by Georgia's Assistant District Attorney Duke as having met with Georgia Klan leaders recently and having pledged them financial support.

The Klan was once active in the Bronx. 8-15-46

Isacson, who is running in both major party primaries in the 13th assembly district, is being opposed by the **Bronx Times**, his office said yesterday.

Publisher of the **Times** is Winfield Demarest, close political associate of former Assemblyman John Devaney, leading Bronx Christian Fronter. The paper has endorsed both of Isacson's opponents, Peter Brandt in the Democratic primary and William Drohan in the Republican.

Act on 1,099 Others in KKK, Goldstein Told

Daily Worker
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Wed 8-14-46

Action on the "other 1,099 Klansmen" in New York State was demanded yesterday of Attorney General Nathaniel Goldstein.

In a letter to Goldstein, the New York Committee for Justice in Freeport pointed out that since July 29, when Goldstein told a press conference he had the names of 1,100 Ku Klux Klan members, only one Klansman has been "flushed out."

The single Klansman was James Wagner, secretary of the Richmond Hill union of the KKK and a Republican inspector in Brooklyn's 5th A. D.

Dorothy Langston, executive secretary of the Freeport Committee, demanded the identity of the Klansmen and action against them "not alone for the criminal prosecution that we will press for, but also for their connection with the slaying of the Ferguson brothers on Feb. 5th."

Klan Finances Ga. Candidate

Defender
Chicago, Ill.

N.Y. KKK Aided In Governor Race

Sat. 8-24-46

NEW YORK — Following the disclosure of close ties between the Klan and the German - American Bund, New York Attorney General Nathaniel L. Goldstein revealed last week that one of the three top candidates for governor in recent elections sought funds from the KKK in New York.

The three leading candidates in the recent Georgia gubernatorial race were James V. Carmichael, E. D. Rivers and Eugene Talmadge. The probability of a Carmichael conspiracy with the Klan has been generally eliminated because of the vigorous opposition to the Klan by him and his liberal supporter, Gov. Ellis Arnall. Talmadge's Klan links are a matter of public record and E. D. Rivers is reportedly a former Klan member.

Dan Duke, asssitant attorney general of Georgia, who recently returned to Atlanta after a conference with Goldstein, confirmed the Goldstein revelation, but both refused to disclose the candidate in question. However, Duke quoted Goldstein as saying:

"A candidate for governor in Georgia asked Wilson J. Bush, Grand Dragon of the Klan in New York, for money in his campaign and Busch gave it to him. This took place at dinner in a New York restaurant in May, 1946.

"The deal was that in the event of the election of this candidate,

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Name Klansmen, Goldstein Asked

Daily Worker - Thursday 7-31-46 New York, N.Y.

Publication of the 1,100 names of New York Ku Klux Klansmen secured by Attorney General Nathaniel Goldstein was requested yesterday by Dorothy Langston, executive secretary of the New York Committee for Justice in Freeport. Commending Goldstein for his procurement of a court order outlawing the Klan in New York, Miss Langston stated, "Obviously the next and significant step must be publication of the membership list of the fascist order and simultaneous legal action against the KKK adherents."

"The Klan's attempt," said Miss Langston, "to deter us from bringing the killer of Charles and Alfonzo Ferguson to justice was their undoing. Were it not for the letter they sent the New York Committee for Justice in Freeport, there would have been no investigation, Horace A. Demarest would still be Deputy Motor Vehicles Commissioner of Queens and the charter of the Klan would have not been revoked.

WON'T LET FIGHT DIE

"Our demand for justice to the Ferguson family is coupled with an insistence that every race-hater, whether he be in the uniform of the police or in cloak of the Klan, be prosecuted. We will not let this opening action bog down and die, as did the New York state investigation in 1925."

The demand that Gov. Dewey supersede James N. Gehrig, Nassau County District Attorney, and appoint a special investigator in the Ferguson case, was reported by Miss Langston.

"When the FBI and the U.S. Attorney General," she said, "display more zeal in apprehending the criminals involved in the mass lynch murders recurring throughout the country, we will look to them for action against New York Klansmen. Until such time we will look to you for action."

CP Candidate Blasts Dewey Stall on KKK

Daily Worker New York, N.Y.

UTICA, N. Y., Aug. 13.—Launching the Communist Party election campaign upstate, Dr. Bella V. Dodd, Party candidate for Attorney General, tonight accused Republican Attorney-General Nathaniel Goldstein of deliberately withholding the names of Ku Klux Klan members in this state.

Speaking over Station WIBX in this city, Dr. Dodd charged Goldstein with "currying favor with liberal working people" by announcing that he had the names of "all of the Klan members in this state" and then refusing to reveal them to the public.

"Whom do you want not to embarrass, Mr. Goldstein?" Dr. Dodd asked in her Utica broadcast. "Whom are we protecting, Mr. Dewey, in failing to publish the list of the KKK of this state?"

The lifting of the Klan's charter in New York State is not sufficient, Dr. Dodd asserted. "In the city of New York there is no reason why the names of the Ku Klux Klan in the five counties cannot be turned over to the Mayor and to his Bureau of Investigation for the exposure and punishment."

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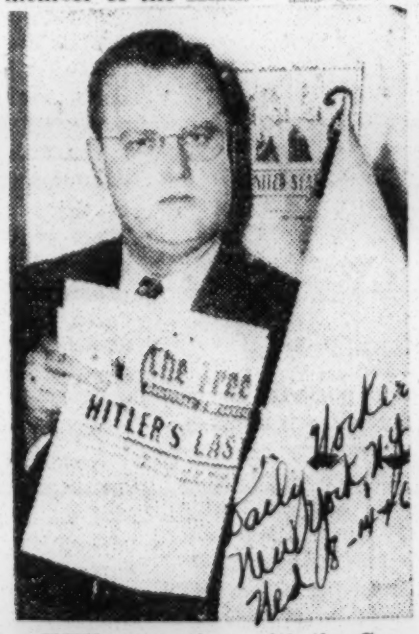
She also called upon Senators Wagner and Mead of New York to "initiate impeachment proceedings against Senator Bilbo." She cited Bilbo's admission that he was a member of the Klan.



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KKK connections with the German-American Bund is the subject of an interview given in New York by Daniel Duke, assistant attorney general of Georgia. Duke is sleuthing in New York, but the 20 lynch killers in Georgia are still at large.

JAMES J. WALKER

The Times New York, N.Y. Sun. 11-19-46

It was always difficult to be severe about "Jimmy" Walker. He was too gay, too alert, too understanding about the problems of people as individuals as well as en masse, for the reproving critic ever to condemn him unreservedly for his failures and shortcomings. No one would want to, now.

Jimmy Walker did not create the night-club era, the bootleg era, the free and easy Twenties. He was a New Yorker, and New Yorkers, with the enthusiastic cooperation of many old ladies from Dubuque, enjoyed that era. He enjoyed that era, too, and became its foremost and most lasting symbol.

But there was more in the Walker record than this. Before he entered upon the career as Mayor that ended so disastrously for him and for the city, the cause of liberal legislation had no stancher friend in Albany than Senator James J. Walker. He teamed with Robert F. Wagner, James A. Foley and Alfred E. Smith in fighting in the State Capitol for things that later were taken for granted, after he and they had won them. It was the Walker law that outlawed the Ku Klux Klan in this State, at the time when the Klan had powerful friends; it was Walker who fought a stringent book censorship measure and defeated it with a wisecrack. It was his fight in the Legislature that ended the blue laws.

It was in his regime as Mayor that the Triborough Bridge, the Queens Midtown Tunnel, the West Side Highway and the East River Drive were conceived. He did, in his own way, leave his mark upon his own city and his times. A host of friends will miss him.

Ousted on Klan Issue Hired by USO

PM New York, N.Y. Sun. 10-27-46

Horace A. Demarest is now a paid employe of the USO. Demarest was fired from his job as Deputy State Motor Vehicle Commissioner last May after an investigation of the Ku Klux Klan in which he failed to answer fully questions concerning his "past interest and connections . . . with the Ku Klux Klan and his present interest therein."

Demarest is working as a financial secretary for the fund-raising division of the Brooklyn USO since August.

During the Klan investigation last May, State Attorney General Nathaniel L. Goldstein said that Demarest was "unfit to hold public office."

But Carl Kersting, general manager of the USO fund-raising campaign in New York, who hired Demarest, said that he's satisfied "with Demarest's secretarial work. He minds his own business, has nothing to do with making policy for the USO . . ."

Sees No Issue

When he hired Demarest, Kersting said, he did not know that he had been fired from his State job because of the investigation. "All I knew was that a member of our organization told me that Demarest needed a job and I knew that he had done a good job for us raising funds in 1942."

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Kersting first became aware of Demarest's relation to the investigation on Oct. 16, when Walter Winchell wrote in his column: "Horace A. Demarest, fired by Dewey almost three months ago (from the Motor Vehicle Bureau for alleged Klan activities) is now a director for the USO in Kings County, N. Y. How come?"

Kersting said he called Demarest in and questioned him. He said Demarest told him "I have never belonged to the Klan, do not now belong to the Klan and have no intentions of ever joining the Klan."

Kersting said that he saw nothing in Demarest's work to link him with the Klan and since "the fellow is trying simply to make a living and is doing a good job, I see no reason to make an issue of it."

Fraudulent Charter

Attorney General Goldstein disclosed last May that the Klan had been operating on a fraudulent charter since 1923, and that Demarest's name was one among six who incorporated a fraternity in 1923 known as Alpha Pi Sigma, Inc. In 1925 Alpha Pi Sigma changed to "The Knights and Women of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc."

By using the Greek fraternity label, the Klan evaded the Walker anti-Ku Klux Klan law which makes it illegal for any organization with a secret oath to hold meetings unless the text of the oath, its constitution and membership roster are filed with the Secretary of State.

At the time of the investigation Demarest admitted he was one of the incorporators of the fraternity, but insisted he knew nothing of its intended nature.

When Goldstein issued his statement recommending the dismissal of Damarest, he said that his "testimony under oath is at variance with testimony he previously had given to the District Attornev . . ."

Klan Terrorizes New York Suburbanites

The Call Kansas City, Mo.

NEW YORK, (ANP) — While the New York courts were ruling the Ku Klux Klan illegal in this state and ordering it dissolved, Negro residents of St. Albans out in Queens were being threatened and terrorized by unknown persons allegedly members of the organization.

Late Tuesday night, residents

of this newly settled area discovered cards under their doors mysteriously placed there by unknown persons which carried threatening warnings against Negroes.

Some of New York's best known persons reside in this section and they promptly reported the matter to police who said they would investigate. Newspapers were also advised of the new turn of affairs and promised by them.

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White Negroes of St. Alban's although Irate resident admitted who are not seeking trouble promonnoence, longed to the Klan just that if any furits objectives only ther moves are made by the mem-bers. Memberships were limited to whites and all records either de-

This section of greater New York which had as its object an interview given in New York by Daniel Duke, assistant attorney general of Georgia. Duke is sleuthing in New York, but the 20 lynch killers in Georgia are still at large.

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KKK (New York)

ATTORNEY GENERAL ASKS FOR REVOCATION OF CHARTER IN PETITION TO SUPREME COURT

Black Dispatch

Says Bedsheet Boys Slipped Through On Greek Letter Fraternity

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

FREEPORT DEFENDER GETS WARNING

6-1-46 Sat.

NEW YORK — (ANP) — A legal move to kill the Ku Klux Klan organization in this state was started here last week by State Atty. Gen. Nathaniel L. Goldstein, who obtained an orded to vacate the KKK's charter from New York Supreme Court Justice Benjamin F. Schrieber.

The Klan obtained a charter here by a subterfuge in September, 1922, revealed an affidavit filed by Asst. Atty. Gen. P. Hodges Combier. Under the guise of a Greek-letter fraternity, Alpha Pi Sigma, Inc., the KKK took advantage of a legal loophole in the Walker anti-Ku Klux Klan law of 1923, which provided that every membership corporation must file a copy of its constitution, bylaws, oath of membership and a roster of members and officers with the secretary of state, except labor unions and college fraternities. On Oct. 10, 1925, the Klan openly assumed its rightful name as the Knights and Women of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.

6-1-46

Latest efforts to wipe out the KKK movement here after nearly 20 years of existance is said to have been started by a threatening letter the organization wrote to Miss Dorothy Langston, executive secretary of the New York Committee for Justice in Freeport, on April 9. A mass meeting was being sponsored by the committee to protest the killing of two Negroes by a policeman in Freeport, L. I.

6-1-46

The letter to Miss Langston was written on the stationary of the Klan and signed by "James H. Hanley, Great Kilgrapp." A card, headed "Free the Slaves of 1946," was enclosed in the letter, Combier's affidavit revealed.

"It is respectfully submitted," the affidavit continued, "that the letter of the Klan discloses a determination by those who are interested in its affairs to accomplish their secret and sinister purpose regardless of the declared public policy of this state."

A supporting affidavit by Goldstein, who had applied for the dissolution order, disclosed that Klan leaders and members had secrets from them. Goldstein told a news conference that one of his detectives using an alias had insinuated himself into the confidence of K.K.K. local units and had obtained a list of more than 1,100 members in this area. The names have been turned over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, he said.

New York Times 7-30-46

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AGREES WITH GOLDSTEIN

Action was taken by Mr. Chapman after he received a letter from Attorney General Nathaniel L. Goldstein. In part, the Attorney General wrote:

5-10-46

"I brought action . . . to vacate the Certificate of Incorporation and annul the corporation existence of the Knights and Women of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. Investigation discloses that in 1923 the Alpha Pi Sigma, Inc., was organized. One of the incorporators was Horace A. Demarest who presently occupies the position of deputy commissioner of motor vehicles, assigned to the Queen County office. In 1925, the name was changed to the Knights and Women of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.

5-24-46

"My office examined Horace A. Demarest. As a result of the examination, the testimony taken and the various investigations conducted by me and the members of my staff, I have come to the conclusion that the said Horace A. Demarest is unfit to hold public office.

5-28-46

Phoney Klan Drive Charged To Dewey

Daily Worker

NEW YORK—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey this week was accused of creating "a phoney drive against the Ku Klux Klan," in a deliberate attempt to divert public attention from the slaying of the Ferguson brothers by a Freeport, L. I., policeman.

6-1-46

The charge was made by Miss Dorothy Langston, executive secretary of the New York Committee for Justice in Freeport, in a letter to the governor.

Chicago

Miss Langston declared that Atty. Gen. Nathaniel L. Goldstein "has shown belated and curious interest in the existence of the Ku Klux Klan in this state."

The committee official charged that the Republican administration in the state "is trying to create a hulabaloo in the press regarding a campaign against the Ku Klux Klan for the obvious purpose of creating political capital for the forthcoming elections, meanwhile resorting to duplicity to avoid taking action in a case of downright murder of two Negro residents."

KLAN BOOSTER OFF PAYROLL

Courier

Pittsburgh, Pa.

NEW YORK — The Ku Klux Klan in the State of New York was given a warning last week. One of its original incorporators was dismissed from a State job, result of an investigation conducted by the attorney general's office.

Dismissed was Horace A Demarest. He was employed as a deputy commissioner of motor vehicles, assigned to the Queens County office. Demarest was ousted by Governor Dewey.

JEWISH GI'S FIGHT KLAN

Resolution Also Scores Fascist and Communist Groups

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

LIBERTY, N. Y., June 9—A resolution condemning the Ku Klux Klan and Fascist and Communist odganizations and demanding that the Federal and New York State Governments determine to what extent these groups are violating laws was adopted today at the closing session of the convention of Jewish War Veterans.

6-11-46

Another resolution called upon President Truman and Congress to urge upon Great Britain the immediate opening of Palestine to 100,000 Jews. A third resolution urged the Veterans Administration to purchase Halloran Hospital from New York State.

New York

Jacob S. Spiro of Jersey City was elected commander to succeed Isidore Ginsberg of Jackson Heights, Queens. Mrs. Daisy Haberman of the Bronx was chosen president of the organization's auxiliary, succeeding Mrs. Anna R. Abelow of Brooklyn.

Court Order Dissolves Klan In New York

New Haven Journal Courier

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New York Times 7-30-46

Cops Say Boys Sent Klan Notes

Daily Worker

Three 13-year-old boys, police claimed yesterday, said they had sent warning notes to Negro residents of St. Albans signed Ku Klux Klan.

St. Albans, N.Y. 8-3-46

Detectives of the Jamaica precinct arrested the boys after Negro citizens had protested to Police Commissioner Wallander. Hearings will be held in the Juvenile Aid Bureau and meanwhile the boys were released in custody of their parents.

The warning notes had read: "Warning! to Negroes entering St. Albans. Beware. Ku Klux Klan."

Compares Lynch Stories In 'Daily' and Other Press

Daily Worker

Jamaica, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Thurs.

Following almost immediately on the heels of the Georgia lynching, the Ku Klux Klan has resumed activity in St. Albans, L. I.

New York, N.Y.

Yesterday I read the report in the Long Island Press. I could hardly wait to read the report concerning St. Albans in today's Daily Worker.

8-3-46

The treatment was so different that I am moved to comment on it. The Long Island Press strained itself to give the affair the appearance of a huge joke or prank and ridiculed the idea of a Klux danger. In this it was aided by the Pollyanish, sickening attitude of a Dr. Singleton.

The Daily Worker, on the other hand, showed the direct connection to the Georgia lynching and renewal of activity of these bestial fascists due to the direct encouragement of the FBI and Truman's failure to do or say anything against the outrages.

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Klan Banned In New York

For Times Union

Jacksonville, Florida

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7-30-46

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Membership In Klan Banned In State Of New York

Ruled Against Law

Fed. 7-30-46

NEW YORK, July 30—(AP)—Membership in the Ku Klux Klan was declared illegal in New York State today in a ruling by Supreme Court Justice Joseph A. Gavagan, who signed a judgment revoking the charter of "The Knights and Women of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.," on the grounds that it had obtained its charter through a subterfuge.

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The trickery involved in the case, Goldstein said, occurred when the Klan obtained a charter in 1923 as a Greek letter fraternity, Alpha Pi Sigma, thereby circumventing the civil rights law requiring the listing of officers and members. Goldstein said the law exempted fraternities and sororities from such requirement. Jul. 7-30-46

In his affidavit, Goldstein named "one Wilson D. Bush, of New York City," a "ghost writer" and publicist, as the key figure in the Klan in New York State. He said that Bush "in addition to being exalted cyclops of the Bronx unit of the Klan, became New York representative of the Knights and Women of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., and was responsible only to the imperial wizard of the Klan or its chief counsel, who had offices in Washington, D. C."

Bush could not be reached for comment.

Dewey Pushing Fight To Finish On Ku Klux Klan

The Daily Birmingham, Ala. Mon. 8-19-46

New York Governor Raps Administration Stand On Labor

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Aug. 19—(AP)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey pledged himself today to fight the Ku Klux Klan or any group like it as long as he is governor and asserted "there will be no Bilboism" in New York State.

Dewey in an address before the New York State Federation of Labor Convention declared "we have had to sharpen our vigilance against a resurgence of forces of bigotry and intollerance that ride through the night wrapped in hooded white sheets."

He added:

"I pledge you that, as long as I am governor, the Ku Klux Klan or any group like it will not hold a meeting in the state of New York."

The Klan was outlawed in New York recently when its charter as a corporation was revoked.

Dewey, 1944 Republican presidential nominee and virtually certain to be candidate for reelection for governor this Fall, also attacked the federal administration's labor policies, declaring that, at present, industrial disputes may be settled in favor of either business or labor "depending upon which way the political winds of the moment are blowing."

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"IT IS A WASTE OF TIME," he told the AFL delegates, "to set up machinery for mediation and arbitration to reinforce collective bargaining if, in the end, every major dispute is going to have to be carried to a government bureaucrat—and I may add—to any government officer, no matter how high his office."

"Under these conditions, experienced and able labor leaders and business men find the settlement of disputes taken out of their hands. They are relegated to the position of mere petitioners or messenger boys, waiting upon the doorsteps of government."

Dewey defined his state administration's labor policy as one calling for a "maximum of voluntary mediation and arbitration and a minimum of government interference and compulsion," and added: "I am happy to say there is no copyright on that policy. If the federal government cares to adopt it, it may feel perfectly free to do so."

Klan-Ban Won in N. Y., Names Reported to FBI

Constitution Atlanta, Ga.

NEW YORK, July 29—(AP)—Atty. Gen. Nathaniel Goldstein announced Monday that he had obtained a court order dissolving the Ku Klux Klan in New York State.

Goldstein told a news conference that one of his detectives, using an alias, had insinuated himself into the confidence of KKK. local units and had obtained a list of more than 1,100 members in this area. The names have been turned over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, he said. 7-30-46

Goldstein said the dissolution order was signed this afternoon by Supreme Court Justice Joseph A. Gavagan. The dissolution order climaxed a drive begun last spring against the Alpha Pi Sigma, Inc., later changed to Knights and Women of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.

He said since he could not service papers on Klan leaders he obtained an order of publication last May. The notice was published for six weeks. Under the law the Klan had 20 days in which to answer the charges or forfeit its charter and existence as a legally recognized corporate body.

Tells of Feeling Of Violence

Defender Chicago, Ill.

Back in the year 1896, the KKKs got so bad here in Lexington, Mo, that the mayor of our city had to call a mass meeting of the colored people. He gave us orders to shoot to kill if molested by these dirty skunks. Some of our women folks were afraid to go out on the streets after dark, but in three weeks time we colored men broke up the KKK, and up to the present time we have heard nothing more of them. Sat. 10-5-46

Our present mayor who is a red hot Republican, has given us orders to shoot to kill if we are bothered by any KKKers. If our people in the South would stand up and fight and kill some of these dirty low-down skunks, I think it would put an end to the KKK. We colored folk here in Lexington, Mo. are ready to meet any KKKers if we have to do so, as this thing is going to keep on until it causes a race war right here in the United States. I, for one, would rather be shot at dawn fighting for my rights than to die in any other way.

I join you in the fight to help break up this evil and I say the sooner such men as Talmadge, Bilbo and Rankin are dead and in hell the better it will be for our people of the South. — A reader from Lexington, Mo.

KKK Trying Reign of Terror in St. Albans

The Tribune Washington, D. C. Sat. 8-10-46

NEW YORK,—(NNPA).—Police Comissioner Arthur W. Wallander ordered an investigation last Wednesday of a complaint that warnings against colored people "entering St. Albans" have been on small, white cards left on the doorsteps of colored residents in the Addisleigh Park section of St. Albans, Queens.

The complaint was filed at the commissioner's office by Charles A. Collier Jr., executive secretary of the City-Wide Citizens' Committee on Harlem, who said he found one of the cards Tuesday night on the doorsteps of his home at 174-15 Linden Boulevard. It contained a typewritten warning, saying "Klu Klux Klan, District of St. Albans. Warning. To Negroes Entering St. Albans. Beware. Klu Klux Klan."

Mr. Collier noted in his complaint that the term "Klu" was used on the card instead of the correct "Ku," which prefixes the name of the organization outlawed in New York State on Monday in a Supreme Court decision by Justice Joseph A. Gavagan.

Only Complaint

Commissioner Wallender said Mr. Collier's was the only complaint police had received. Three other colored residents of the Addisleigh Park section, however, admitted finding them Tuesday night on their doorsteps. They are Dr. John A. Singleton, a dentist, of 174-23 Murdock Avenue; Dr. William H. Pleasant, a physician, of 175-30 Murdock Avenue, and Mrs. Royce Potts, of 175-15 Murdock Avenue.

Dr. Singleton expressed the view that the incident was a "hoax or a gag," and failed to report it to police. Mrs. Potts, who has lived in St. Albans for two years, said it was the first time her family has encountered "any trouble."

The Addisleigh Park section has about fifty to sixty homes occupied by colored people who have complained to police in the last few months that their homes have been pelted with eggs, fruit and stones but there has been no evidence that the acts were part of an organized campaign.

Klan Threatens Negroes in St. Albans

By John Hudson Jones

Negro residents of St. Albans, Queens, received threats from the Citywide Citizens Committee on Columbia, Tenn., attacks on Negroes, and the Freeport, N. Y., was restrained by Supreme Court "Ku Klux Klan" Tuesday night, it Harlem; Dr. William H. Pleasant, Justice Froesell from selling her was learned here yesterday. 175-30 Murdock Ave.; Mr. Royce Ferguson brothers, home to Samuel Richardson a Man-

This followed announcement that Potts, 170-15 Murdock Ave.; Dr. is neither a prank hattan Negro merchant.

the Ku Klux Klan had been out- John Singleton, 113-10 175 St., and would say this is no incident. We are not lawed in the state of New York. At- Mr. Joseph Scott, 174-16 Murdock or a passing incident. Mrs. Rubin had signed a restric- torney General Nathaniel Goldstein Ave. Others may have received albans but it should tive covenant agreement in 1939. said he had the names of 1,100 New them. afraid in St. Albans that there are York KKK members, but so far The cards read: KU KLUX bigots in our community who are has refused to make them public KLAN. DISTRICT OF ST. ALbans inspired by what has hap- as a means of preventing further BANS. WARNING: TO NEGROES pened in Georgia and elsewhere." Klan activity. ENTERING ST. ALBANS, BE- Mr. Collier said a group of citizens WARE. KU KLUX KLAN. would meet to take some action on

The threats were typed on plain Mr. Collier told the Daily Worker reporter. white calling cards and were placed the natter immediately.

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KKK (Pennsylvania)

Pa. Klan Probe Given Extension

Daily World
Atlanta, Ga.

HARRISBURG, Pa., —(NNPA) —The investigation of the Ku Klux Klan, which began recently in Chambersburg, was extended last Tuesday to embrace the entire State.

Orders from State police headquarters were issued to the commanders of the four police squadrons in the Commonwealth to make a thorough check of their areas for Klan activities. 9-16-46

Their orders include a request to check up on the actions of former leaders of local Klans since the national order was disbanded four years ago. The orders were received by Major William D. Plummer, commander of the Philadelphia squadron; Major Charles J. McRae, of the Wyoming Barracks; Major Charles Keller, Harrisburg, and Major William Hoffman, Greensburg.

SEES PROGRESS

Colonel C. M. Wilhelm, who is directing the investigation on instructions from Governor Edward Martin, said:

"All I can say is that progress is being made."

He said no details will be released until a full report on the Klan is given the Governor.

In Chambersburg last Tuesday Howard F. Shaffer, who says he is the cyclops of the Franklin County Klan, disclosed that he was questioned for ninety minutes by a special State police investigator. He said he received no reply from Governor Martin to his request for an interview.

"The Klan," said Shaffer, "is the victim of prejudice.

"Our organization has existed for twenty-five years and is 100 percent American. We are here to stay, and there is no law to oust us. Tuesday

"There is no State or National organization at present. We were left on our own four years ago and allowed to use the name if we wished." 9-10-46

Shaffer said an advertisement which appeared in the Chambersburg Public Opinion recently in behalf of the Klan was paid for by a Klan committee. It was this ad that prompted Martin to order the State Police investigation.

EXPLANATION

Shaffer said the Klan "has no aims to injure any minority groups as long as they stay in their place." He explained "stay-ing in their place" as "living up to their constitutional rights."

Cyclops Shaffer said his organization is against "Communism in any form."

Of recent attacks on the Klan, he said: "We cannot be responsible for what each of our individual members do. If we find one of them has been involved in dirty work, we kick him out."

Fiery Crosses No Crime, Say Pa. Cops

Daily Worker New York

STATE COLLEGE, Pa., Aug. 11.—Fiery crosses burned last week in this area will not be investigated, police say here, because no crime has been committed in connection with the burnings.

After studying existing laws, District Attorney Edward L. Willard stated since there was no crime there would be no investigation. Mon 8-12-46

KKK Advertises In Penn. Paper

Daily Worker
New York, N. Y.

Gov. Edward Martin of Pennsylvania was called on yesterday to put the Ku Klux Klan out of business in that state by New York State Supreme Court Justice Meier Steinbrink, after the Klan showed its face boldly in a newspaper advertisement in the Chambersburg, Pa., Public Opinion.

Steinbrink, chairman of the directors of the Anti-Defamation League of B'Nai B'rith, in a letter to Martin, said the ad "audaciously reveals the existence of organized Klan activity in Franklin County, Pa., and publicly solicits membership." Fri 8-30-46

Martin was urged to strike "the first blow in your state against this resurgence of organized hatred."

Negro Boys Burn Cross in Hoax

New York Times Sat 8-31-46

WILLOW GROVE, Pa., Aug. 12 (U.P.)—The burning of a wooden cross near a Negro church in this suburban Philadelphia community was solved today with the arrest of two 14-year-old Negro boys who admitted donning white hoods and erecting the cross as a joke. The cross was burned last Thursday night before the First Baptist Church at the near-by Negro community of Crestmont. Police Lieutenant Al Streeper said last night that he had arrested two boys who confessed to the hoax. "Everybody was excited about the Klan—so we decided to have some fun," Lieutenant Streeper quoted one of them as saying.

The Klan Is Right Here In Our Midst

The Black-Dispatch Oklahoma City, Okla.
Sat. 9-21-46

The Ku Klux Klan is here with us in Pennsylvania.

Chambersburg has a wallpaper salesman (he is not a paperhanger yet), a second-hand furniture dealer out to do a second-story job on Democracy with second-hand twaddle about "upholding the principles of Americanism."

He put Klan advertisement in the local paper, admits he has no bias as long as Catholics, Jews and Negroes "stay in their place," and would like an interview with Governor Martin to explain the Klan.

If this were all the story, it would be bad enough. But there are more significant facts:

The newspaper in Chambersburg accepted, printed and published that Klan advertisement.

The West Chester Klan burned a cross this week for the benefit of the single taxers of Alden, Delaware.

The governor of Pennsylvania considers the danger grave enough to order a state-wide investigation of the Klan by state troopers. He has also requested the assistance of the FBI.

Now, Philadelphia is believed by the investigators to be the Klan's Pennsylvania headquarters.

These developments are not to be taken lightly. The fact that the Klan of Chambersburg sounds off, the Klan of West Chester demonstrates, while the Klan of Philadelphia deliberately lies about its present existence indicates a well-worked out plan to get on with the business of whooping up racial and religious strife. Note the Klan's own self-serving statements that it has aided the FBI and that its members are active in trade union affairs.

Lynch spirit has not remained in Dixie. It is present in the muddled Chester school situation, where white parents are pressuring and picketing the school board to reverse its ruling of last June that colored kids are to attend the kindergarten nearest where they live.

The lynch spirit is present in Philadelphia. The last issue of The Tribune gave you the story of a Negro ex-army lieutenant, educated and respectable, beaten up in a police patrol by one of "Philadelphia's finest."

Here in Philadelphia we have it. The lynch spirit, race hate and the Klan, seeking to fuse a rope and faggot terror.

God knows Governor Martin's investigation is urgent. May its findings be complete. They cannot be published too soon.—Philadelphia Tribune.

Admit KKK Runs on A Pennsylvania License

Daily Worker New York, N.Y.
Thurs. 10-31-46

Special to the Daily Worker

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 30.—Republican Governor Edward Martin's own Secretary of State today was on record as admitting the Ku Klux Klan was officially registered to do business in Pennsylvania. Martin, a candidate for U. S. Senator, has repeatedly denied this, in justifying his failure to act against Klan outrages.

The Daily Worker last June began a series of exposures of Klan activities. Martin held a secret investigation of the KKK, but two weeks ago he announced the investigation was concluded and there was nothing he could do about it. He refused to disclose the results of the "probe."

The Secretary of State this week wrote Saul Waldbaum, attorney for Thomas Delaney, secretary of UE-CIO District 1, that the Klan had a state business permit.

Further action is being considered, Waldbaum said, to obtain revocation of the permit. A number of Northern states recently have revoked KKK charters.

The Daily Worker has disclosed that Martin has used the pretense that he needs new laws to deal with the Klan to draw a new penal code designed against the labor and progressive movement.

Klan Kross Seen Near Philly

The Worker New York, N.Y.

CHESTER, PA.—A Fiery Kross was seen burning a few weeks ago at McCabe Boulevard and South Ave., on highway 13, between here and Philadelphia. "It was about 10 feet high," said an eyewitness, Russell Weiderhold, 1117 Pennsylvania Ave., Prospect Park, who happened to be driving past. Sun. 11-3-46

Trucks were carrying dirt at a nearby building operation and there was some talk around the Glen Alden township of "keeping the Ni-g-rs out."

Meanwhile, Gov. Edward Martin has announced again the KKK is not violating any laws, and no action has been taken to root out the Kluxers, and prosecute them.

Pennsylvania Klan Operated Legally to 1933

Times Dispatch Richmond, Va.
Sat. 8-31-46

HARRISBURG, PA., Aug. 30—(UP)—Commonwealth Secretary Charles M. Morrison revealed today that the Ku Klux Klan, now under investigation by State police, functioned legally in Pennsylvania from 1925 to 1933.

Morrison said records showed that there was "no authorized function" of the KKK in Pennsylvania since 1933, when it failed to reregister under a new State law.

"Action against the klan depends upon its kind of existence," Morrison said. "If it operates as a social club, we could not reach it under State law any more than we could a sewing circle. It must have some formal existence to enable prosecution for illegal activity."

The organization reportedly has a conclave in or near Chambersburg, Pa.

END KLAN INVESTIGATION

The Times New York, N.Y.

Keystone Police Report to Martin U. S. Will Get Data

Tues. 11-8-46

HARRISBURG, Pa., Oct. 7 (AP)—Gov. Edward Martin said today that the Pennsylvania State police have completed their investigation of Ku Klux Klan activities in the Commonwealth, but that the inquiry did not uncover as much on what the State police had found Klan organization as he had expected.

Mr. Martin told a news conference that he was sending the report on the investigation to the United States Department of Justice for any information it could get.

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KKK Threatens Philly Defense Lawyer

The Afro-American Baltimore, Md. Sat. 7-6-46

Levinson: Take warning —

IF you or any member of your family is the DESPICABLE lawyer named Levinson who is trying to make a cruel nigger murdever named Chavis appear innocent in the horrible murder of our neighbor Francis Erhard, Jr; listen carefully they'll be one dead rotten Jew the niggers and their crimes have to be punished and any white rotters who get in their SIDE — WILL get it! K.K.K.

For attempting to defend a colored youth in Philadelphia charged with murder, David Levinson, white Civil Rights Congress lawyer, received the above death threat, purportedly from the Ku Klux Klan. This was in addition to four telephone threats. Levinson, who has been the victim of mob violence before, believes the letter the work of a crackpot, but says it will not deter him. Back of the envelope showed a large K and a smear resembling blood.

Lawyer Gets KKK Threats Through Mail

The Afro-American

Baltimore, Md. PHILADELPHIA

Is the Ku Klux Klan operating in Pennsylvania? Sat. 7-6-46

This question faced Philadelphians last week when a Jewish lawyer received four death threats because he tried to intercede as defense counsel for William Chavis, 21, accused of slaying a white Germantown youth.

As a result, police protection has been given the attorney, David Levinson, and other plans effected to trap the person or persons making the threats.

Three of the threats were made by telephone. The other was contained in a letter, printed in India ink.

Ignored Warning

The letter was received by Levinson, a Civil Rights Congress attorney, first, but he ignored it until the series of phone calls followed. Then he went to the superintendent of police.

The letter, signed K.K.K. and filled with insulting racial ephithets, warned Levinson that he would be killed if he defended Chavis.

"You dirty n—— loving ——, we'll get you one of these nights," a grating voice rasped over Levinson's phone Friday morning. "We oughta take all of the Jews, catholics and n——s out and shoot them."

In another call later that day, Levinson's brother, also an attorney, was told: "Tell your brother to get the hell outa here. see. If he doesn't, we'll fix him."

Will Not Deter Him

Levinson, a short slight soft-spoken man who has been practicing for 40 years, said the threats will not deter his efforts to defend those without economic means.

This is not his first brush with the forces of mob violence. Back in 1935, he was beaten unconscious by a band of hooded men in Gallup, N.M. because he defended striking miners accused of murder. He lost several teeth in that encounter.

He defended Euel Lee (Orphan) Jones, 60-year-old farm hand accused of murdering his white employer, wife and daughter at Snow Hill, Md. in 1931.

He had the case moved to Towson, Baltimore County, after he was attacked on the courthouse steps. Jones was finally hanged after a two-year fight to save his life.

Defended Soldiers

Levinson also defended the 5 soldiers accused of mutiny at Tallahassa, Fla., in 1944.

Ironically, Chavis, a bowling alley pinboy, refused Levinson's aid at the hearing a few weeks ago. The youth, whose case is scheduled to be tried this week, now has 2 court-appointed attorneys, David Asbury and Leroy Humbert.

Levinson is inclined to discount the threats as bonafide evidence of Ku Klux Klan activity. He thinks rather that the threats are the work of a crank or crackpot.

Police, too, held that theory although it was decided to take no chances.

Laws Re-Drafted

While not fostered by Levinson's case, Pennsylvania's sedition and treason acts have been redrafted to take care of Klan activities.

A special committee of legislators and prominent lawyers approved the revision in Harrisburg last week.

Embodied in the wholesale redraft of the State's penal code which will be submitted to the 1947 legislature, the revision will make political reform through acts of terrorism punishable by a 10-year jail term and a $10,000 fine.

Called "Despicable"

The letter to Levinson, printed on plain writing paper said:

"Take warning—If you or any member of your family is the despicable lawyer named Levinson who is trying to make a cruel n—— murdered named Chavis appear innocent in the horrible murder of our neighbor Francis Erhard Jr.; listen carefully. They will be one dead rotten Jew. The n——s and their crimes have to be finished and any white rotters who get on their side will get it!"

It was signed "K.K.K." and the envelope flap contained another K smeared in red that was supposedly to represent blood.

The Civil Rights Congress which Levinson represents is a fusion of several organizations which offer legal protection to minority groups unable to pay for their own defense.

Levinson said Monday:

"From my first days as a member of the Bar, I have acted as voluntary counsel to men charged with serious offenses without means to engage a lawyer.

Fought 25 Years

"For over a quarter of a century, I have been a civil rights and labor lawyer. I have defended the underdog whether he was protestant, Catholic or Jew; Chinese, colored, white, or Indian; miners, farmers, white-collar people and factory workers.

"I am not frightened by this letter, written by a crackpot who is both a fool and a coward and signs it "K.K.K." . . .

"Our Declaration of Independence says that all men are created equal. It did not except colored people, Jews and Catholics.

"We should not forget that the first American killed in the Revolutionary War was Crispus Attucks, a colored man; that Haydn Solomon, a Jew, did much to finance the Revolution and that the father of our Navy was Commodore Barry, a Catholic.

"Colored men, Jews and Catholics fought, suffered and died side by side with protestants at Bunker Hill and Valley Forge, the Battle of the Marne and Okinawa. We don't want government by KKK. We want democracy and our Constitutional rights."

KKK MOVES NORTH

Foothold In Pennsylvania

Sat. 9-14-46

Defender Chicago, Ill.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept.—The Ku Klux Klan is trying hard—and meeting with success in many instances—to gain a firm foothold throughout the eastern Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey and Delaware area.

As usual, it's strictly a hush-hush proposition. In most of the communities in the area outlined. But in Franklin county, scene of the Battle of Gettysburg, it's fairly out-in-the-open, an ugly, frightening story.

Klansmen in Chambersburg, one of the principal towns in the county, want to run the town.

One technique they are using is

In Chambersburg, the activities of the revived Klan are taken pretty much as a matter of course.

There are 2000 Negroes in a community of 15,000; there are 1400 Catholics; there are only a few dozen Jews.

Yet the Klan, composed of the mercantile, property-owning class, insist that these three minority groups are responsible for everything that goes wrong.

The Negroes, when you can get them to talk, point to three big community parades which were held in Chambersburg in 1929, 1935 and 1936. On each occasion, hooded men paraded through the town along the younger generation—principally returning war veterans that the reason the war veteran cannot get a job is because a Negro already has it.

And they are telling vets the reason it's so hard for them to purchase or rent homes is because, while the boys were away fighting, "the Jews came in, bought up all the property, and ran rents and prices sky high."

Restrictions Imposed

Yet in the movie houses, they are restricted to the balcony even when there are empty seats on the first floor.

Negroes are not served in most of the town's restaurants.

In the community government, there are 1400 Negro employees—one a janitor, the other a cleaner.

In the big H. J. Heinz Co. food plant at Chambersburg, despite labor shortages here, Negroes are employed only in janitorial jobs.

In the other major industry, the Letterkenny Ordnance Depot of the U. S. Army, whites were imported from the South for work that goes wrong.

And so, on last Tuesday Howard F. Shaffer, who says he is the Cyclops of the Franklin county Ku Klux Klan, was questioned for 90 minutes by a special State Police investigator, with the usual defiant air.

Shaffer said the Klan "has no aims to injure any minority groups as long as they stay in their place."

He explained "staying in their place" as "living up to their Constitutional rights."

Shaffer said the Klan was paid for by a Klan of the Klan that appeared in the Chambersburg Public Opinion recently in behalf committee. The full-page advertisement solicited new members for the Klan.

He declined to give the size of the membership of the Klan in Franklin county.

Solicit Members

Question Cyclops

No Black Seamstresses

In a children's clothing manufacturing plant, white girls are employed only in janitorial work. Butswered yet.

"The Klan," said Shaffer follow-

Matter of Course

Ku Klux Klan Rears Head In South Carolina

BENNETTSVILLE, S. C.—(ANP)—Mayor Walter M. Newton heatedly denied this week that "riders" in a cloth draped car who passed through Negro sections here last Sunday night and who burned at least three crosses on as many nights, are bona fide members of the Ku Klux Klan.

Newton told James M. Hinton of Columbia, state NAACP president, that the riders and fiery crosses were "pranks of white children."

Meanwhile, Gov. Ransome J. Williams at Columbia, in reply to a request for an investigation from John H. McCray, state chairman of the Progressive Democratic party, said the burnings occurred after midnight and the identity of the involved persons was unattainable. Newton had said the burnings occurred at 9:30 Thursday night. Negroes here, however, are positive of burnings Saturday night and were eyewitnesses to "riders" between nine and ten Sunday night.

Negroes Being "Too Smart"

One Negro leader said that he had been advised earlier in the week that if Negroes attempted to enroll in Democratic club books here last Wednesday and completed organization of an NAACP branch, "the Klan will ride. Some of you Negroes are getting too smart." Enrollment attempts were made Thursday and many NAACP members were secured during a mass meeting Sunday afternoon.

Before persons lingering in the cool evening had time to recover from the surprise riding Sunday night, they were confronted with another danger. Angered by the riding, about a dozen youthful veterans of World War II appeared in Kinney street about half an hour after the riders passed, armed and with ample ammunition, hoping for the car to return. Some three hours later, they gave up the vigil when the mysterious riders failed to reappear.

Called "Dangerous" Prank

Harold T. Blackman, Marlboro county chairman of Progressive Democrats, replying to Mayor Newton's explanation, said "if this was the work of white children, it was a dangerous prank to play."

The last Ku Klux in this state was in 1939 when several forays made in Richland, Lexington, Greenville and Spartanburg counties. And state pressure has been brought on KKK headquarters in Georgia. it has been rumored that South Carolina might provide refuge.

Negroes Report Crosses Burned, Riders "Hooded"

By The Associated Press

A Negro leader informed Governor Williams yesterday that crosses had been burned in the Negro section of Bennettsville, Marlboro county seat, near the North Carolina border, over the weekend and requested him to conduct "a full investigation."

John H. McCray, Negro newspaper editor and chairman of the South Carolina Progressive (Negro) Democratic party, wrote the governor that a committee of citizens from Bennettsville had reported to him that on the nights of June 8 and 9 persons "wearing hoods and traveling in an automobile whose license plate had been removed and the front of which was draped in a white cloth, rode through the Negro section of Bennettsville and burned crosses."

McCray said it was not "clear" as to the affiliations, if any, of the persons involved, but that "it was known" by the Negroes that if they sought enrolment to vote in the Democratic elections this summer or organization of a branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored people the Ku Klux Klan would "ride again."

The governor could not be reached immediately for a statement concerning the letter, but James Hinton, state head of the NAACP, when asked what action the Negro leaders wanted Williams to take he said "an impartial investigation" of the reported incident would "have a good effect."

Williams said police had informed him that there were three crosses burned in the town, one near the residences of "some of the most prominent white families," a second near the golf course near white citizens' homes, and a third on the outskirts of town "not far" from a filling stationed owned and operated by a white man.

After asking Hinton if "your organization" (NAACP) could "prove that a cross was ever burned in a negro section in Bennettsville, or that hooded men rode through negro residential sections in Bennettsville," Newton said he wished to "assure" Hinton that "the laws will be and are being enforced" in the town.

Nonsense About Fire

Bearing fiery crosses in Marlboro is no crime; it is not even disorderly conduct as long as the burning crosses do not set houses or the woods afire. The wearing of hoods, the hiding of faces by grown men in Marlboro, would be suspicious and ought to be stopped if they roamed. No one, for that matter, can testify that a person whose face is hidden is a Kluxer—he may be a negro, a communist, a Liberal or even a reactionary and a fascist. We know nothing about the negroes in Marlboro, we suppose that they are like other colored people, and we are sure that they would be in no terror of fiery crosses were they borne only by men not ashamed or afraid to show their faces.

Crosses Not Burned In Negro Section, Mayor Declares

Columbia, June 15. (AP)—Allegations of masked riders burning crosses in the negro section of Bennettsville a week ago were termed a "deliberate falsehood" today in a letter from the town's mayor, Walter M. Newton.

Newton at the same time charged James M. Hinton, head of the South Carolina conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, to whom the letter was addressed, with "trying to start something that may lead to a lot of serious trouble . . . and a bad misunderstanding can certainly end in an uncalled-for situation."

The mayor said that crosses were burned on the night of June 7 before 9:30 o'clock in white sections of town as a "prank" of a group of white children.

Meanwhile, Governor Ransome J. Williams issued a statement here that law enforcement officers had told him they were "unable" to identify the participants "for the reason that the incidents occurred sometime after midnight and no identifying facts have been obtainable."

Klan Fails to Keep Standing in S. C.

Columbia, Aug. 10. (AP) — The "Knights of the Ku Klux Klan," a Georgia corporation which domesticated in South Carolina in 1925, was described today by Secretary of State W. P. Blackwell as "not now in good standing."

In order to maintain standing in this state, a "foreign" corporation must file an annual statement, containing names of officers and corporation addresses, with the secretary of state.

Blackwell reported when queried as to the Klan's status that the organization had not made such a statement since 1944.

The Klan was officially registered or "domesticated" here June 30, 1925 as a non-profit corporation. The annual statements were filed regularly until 1944, but no statement was received last year or so far this year.

The last annual statement filed, Blackwell said, listed J. A. Colescott, of Atlanta, president; J. E. Spence, of Atlanta, secretary; and Ben E. Adams, director. Adams had been a resident of Columbia but had moved out of the state at the time of the last statement.

Byrnes Lauded Ku Kluxers in '38

By Art Shields

James F. Byrnes, America's Secretary of State, chummed with Ku Klux Klansmen for years when the white-hooded fascist order controlled his home town of Aiken, South Carolina.

His "dearest friend," said Byrnes in a speech in the U. S. Senate against a federal anti-lynch bill on Jan. 11, 1938, was Sheriff H. H. Howard, who had been killed in a raid on a Negro sharecropper's home 12 years before.

Howard was a notorious Klansman. Parades of white-sheeted fascists to Howard's grave were annual events in Aiken during the late 1920's.

BYRNES LAUDED another Klansman in the same Senate address. This was Sheriff Nollie Robinson, Howard's successor, who turned three members of the Negro sharecropper's family over to a mob of Klan lynchers on Oct. 8, 1926, after the State Supreme Court had reversed a murder frameup conviction against them.

It was one of the ghastliest lynchings in the history of the South. Bertha Lowman, the sharecropper's daughter, a pregnant young woman, was dragged fighting and screaming down the jail stairs to a car which took her to a woods, where a laughing mob of 1,000 kicked her and shot her to death and set her clothes on fire.

Demon Lowman, her 22-year-old brother, was finished off in the same woods after the mob had dragged him behind a murder car for a mile and a half.

A 15-year-old cousin, Clarence Lowman, was lynched at the same time.

Bertha's 55-year-old mother, Annie Lowman, had been shot dead the year before during the sheriff's raid on her home outside of Aiken.

SHERIFF ROBINSON'S aid to the lynchers, and the devilish joy of the Klan killers, is described in a series of more than 30 front-line dispatches to the **New York World** in November and December, 1926, by its special correspondent, Oliver P. H. Garrett, who was helped, in turn, by an earlier investigation by Walter White of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Byrnes, however, describes the sheriff as a "hero," who tried to prevent the lynching.

This fairytale version is upset by the affidavits of four white, and four Negro prisoners in the Aiken County jail, who saw the sheriff giving the three victims to a hilarious mob at 4 o'clock in the morning.

Garrett found that Robinson was a deacon in the Baptist Church, at the textile town of Graniteville, nearby, and his pastor, Rev. J. P. McLean, described him as a "God-fearing, Bible-reading man." But when Garrett asked the sheriff about the prisoner's affidavits, Robinson yelled back as follows.

"G-d damn it, man! I wouldn't do a thing like that. I'm going to heaven. . . ."

OTHER KLANSMAN officials helped Robinson to welcome the mob. While the sheriff was telling Bertha Lowman to stop crying, Rupert Taylor, the jailer, was unlocking her cell, and J. Percy Hart, constable of Gov. McLeod, Byrnes' close political ally, was leading the mob in.

Many Democratic leaders in the town where Byrnes lived during his 14 years in the lower House of Congress, appear to have been involved in the lynching.

At least two members of the Aiken Grand Jury, which hid the killers, were reputed to have been in the mob, said the **World** correspondent. And Judge Rice, who had conducted the trial of the three victims, and Bert Carter, the county prosecutor, disregarded the warnings they got from Col. Claude E. Sawyer, 76-year-old relic of the original Ku Klux Klan, who had given up night riding.

"He didn't seem to care what I had to say," said Col. Sawyer, as he told Garrett later how the prosecutor had turned on his heel and walked away when warned that another KKK murder was impending. **THE LYNCHING** was directed by Quimby, a former Grand Cyclops of the Aiken Klan, declared that the Ku Klux Klan was directed by one of those Aiken Grand Jurors, and James L. Sawyer, a former Exalted Cyclops of Valley," reported Garrett, "that the tonight," wrote Garrett on Nov. 25, of killing John Black, a white man. Garrett, has its greatest "as part of the celebration of the at Gloversville nearby. They shot anniversary of the 'recreation' of Black when he objected to being the Klan by Wizard Simmons." whipped, while a physician held his

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lashing he was getting.

Negroes, of course, suffered most from Klan rule.

"Almost every petty official in Aiken has at least one dead Negro to his credit," wrote Garrett.

"And of the 14 lynchings recorded in South Carolina since 1918 Aiken has five."

Some prominent South Carolinans pressed for punishment of the lynchers none the less. Among them Col. Sawyer, Quimby, the editor of the **Columbia Record** and several lawyers in Columbia and in Spartanburg, where Byrnes had recently opened a law office.

Byrnes didn't join the anti-lynch fight. The wrath of America's future foreign policy spokesmen was directed against NAACP, which had smashed the original court frameup with the help of Mr. Frederick, its Negro attorney, and some white lawyers.

BYRNES WENT SO FAR as to blame the lynching on the NAACP's intervention, rather than on the lynchers themselves.

The facts are that the two Lowman boys would have quickly burned in the electric chair—they had been sentenced—and Bertha Lowman would have begun serving a life sentence, had the NAACP not taken the case to the Supreme Court of the state.

"The responsibility for it (the lynching)," said Byrnes in the Senate during his anti-lynching bill speech in 1938, "can be laid at the door of these non-residents, these people in New York, who intervened. . . ."

Which sounds like Hitler when he blamed his attacks on Czechoslovakia on President Benes.

The Vice Is in the Mask

The News and Courier, Louisville, Ky.
Mon. 12-2-46

To oppose and denounce the so-called "Ku Klux Klan", its intolerance and bigotry, is not objectionable. The News and Courier is in sympathy with the condemnations, but the columnists and others steer away from or forget its chief offense, which is that its members hide their faces, wear masks. Not much danger or terror is in politicians, bigots or ruffians who are anywhere and everywhere recognizable. Burning of fiery crosses frightens some of the colored people only because the burners of them have their faces covered as if they were burglars. No one is aware of the members of the so-called "klan", and it really would not do to unmask all those who were members of it when it was flourishing in South Carolina. It is entirely possible, indeed probable, that most of them became enthusiastic New Dealers and Roosevelt ians in later years. In this state, some of the people joined the klan 25 years ago when they were not informed of what they were doing. It was an adventure, a "lark." The News and Courier would lay money (a little) that the revived klan now has among its members many of the believers in "relief", in old age pensions, in dear old government as the guardian and feeder of the unsuccessful and of those persons who cannot work without undergoing poignant agonies. The "kluxers" should be unmasked. Income tax returns also should be unmasked. Exposure of sources of income of congressmen and state legislators would serve good government even more than would exposure of the countenances of fiery cross burners.

Klan Riding In Bennettsville, Negroes Claim

Governor Ransome J. Williams has not been officially notified of the reported rising of the Ku Klux Klan in Bennettsville over the weekend, his office revealed today.

The state's chief executive had left for a campaign meeting in Bishopville when the office received this morning a letter from John H. McCray, chairman of the South Carolina Progressive (Negro) Democratic party, charging that persons wearing white hoods burned crosses in the Negro section of Bennettsville last Saturday and Sunday nights.

McCray informed in his letter that a committee of citizens from the Marlboro county seat had reported to him that unidentified persons "wearing hoods and traveling in an automobile whose license plate had been removed and the front of which had been draped in a white cloth, rode through the Negro section of town and burned crosses."

He asked the governor to conduct a "full investigation into the incident; and if it be supported, that the responsible persons be prosecuted under the laws of South Carolina."

He said it was not "clear" as to what affiliation, if any, "these marauders" had, but it was "known by" the Negroes as early as June 5 that if they sought enrolment on Democratic party books with view to taking part in the summer elections or organization of a local branch of National Association for the Advancement of Colored People that the "Klan would ride."

Seek To Enroll

The NAACP and Progressive Democrats have conducted an organized drive in the state to enroll Negroes on the Democratic party books. In all cases they have been refused or the names were expected to be purged from the books.

McCray's letter warned the governor that "the temper and present distressed disposition" of the Negroes was "such as to be easily lost in control should such incidents as the one herein described be tolerated or repeated."

He said every effort of Negroes towards obtaining greater privileges had been conducted in a "sane, sensible and peaceful manner."

"We do not want excitation or incitation of any citizens in our state and we address this request to your office in this light," he wrote.

James Hinton, state head of the NAACP, said the governor should "do the same thing as other governors in Georgia and California have done" to stop the Klan "if it is attempting to ride again in South Carolina."

Governor Arnall has directed Attorney General Eugene Cook to break up the Klan in Georgia, and Cook has initiated plans to file a civil suit to dissolve the Klan there. He said last week at Atlanta that he believed his department had gathered sufficient information to wage a successful fight against the hooded organization.

Columbia Council Has Ordinance Against Klan

The News and Courier
Charleston, S. C. Thurs.
6-27-46

Columbia, June 26.—(AP): An anti-Klan ordinance was taken up for action here today by the Columbia city council which gave it the first of three required readings before a vote can make it law.

Fines of $100 and imprisonment for 30 days, or both, would be imposed by the ordinance on any persons or groups who appear within the city limits while hiding their identity "behind a mask, hood sheet or other device", or who engages in any demonstration of intimidation. Thurs. 6-27-46

The proposed ordinance was introduced by Councilman Gary Paschal.

Klan Outlawed In Columbia

News and Courier
Charleston S.C.

Columbia, July 24.—(U.P.): City council today outlawed the Ku Kluz Klan with an ordinance forbidding anyone to conceal his identity behind a hood, mask or sheet within the city limits. Thurs.

The ordinance provides fines or jail sentences for convicted violators. 7-25-46

Burn Fiery Crosses In South Carolina

Black Dispatch
Oklahoma City, Okla.

COLUMBIA, S. C. — (ANP) — The burning of two other fiery crosses in this state in recent weeks was reported here during the week, but indications are that neither was aimed at Negroes in customary manner.

At Bennettsville, where three crosses were burned two months ago, leaders reported that two weeks ago, the fiery emblem of the Ku Klux Klan was set glowing on the lawn of a Negro woman suspected of "going with" a prominent white man in the town.

About the same time a cross was reported burned within five miles of Columbia as another warning but this one was burned for a white man who had been suspected of "going with" the wife of another white man in the community. Sat 8-31-46

In the latter case, which occurred in West Columbia, Negroes who fired several shots over the heads of the ritualing group gathered about the burning cross, were assured, 'this ain't for you all. We don't aim to bother you. It's for Mr. So and So. You all can go on home."

Klan Rides Again in South Carolina

The Afro-American
Baltimore, Md.

Mayor Blames Kiddies, Refuses to See Cross

Sat. 11-30-46

BENNETTSVILLE, S.C.—A series of new cross burnings in and around Bennettsville during the past two weeks, has touched off urgent demands that local and State officials bring to an end incidents which have kept this area under tension for almost a year.

The latest symbol of Ku Klux Klan activities was the burning of a cross on the lawn of K. D. Reese of Woodrow St., on Nov. 20. Mr. Reese, who was confined to bed by illness at the time, pulled himself to a window and watched.

Mayor Ignores Call

Neighbors and leaders, however, telephoned Mayor Walter M. Newton and invited him to visit the scene, but he refused to budge, although he has maintained that all of the burnings, night rides and Klan appearances have been conducted by "groups of young white children."

Reports reaching here from as far away as Blenheim, show that the Klan's revived campaign is almost county-wide.

Several crosses have been lighted in colored neighborhoods in Blenheim vicinity, a motorcade of hooded figures passed through the colored district here previously, and signs were left behind which read: "Ku Klux Klan Rides Again! Last Warning! Go to work or get out of town! Signed Ku Klux Klan."

Tenn. Klan Revives With Attack on All and Sundry

Raps Mrs. Roosevelt and Church Council, Says Communist Party Plans U.S. Control

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—"The Communist Party, using organized labor and the colored people, plans to take over the United States this year," declared bull-voiced Clarence Garrett, Harlan (Ky.) "preacher" in a "patriotic meeting" sponsored here Saturday night by the Ku Klux Klan in its first official post-war revival.

Announced as the beginning of the Klan's "all-out war against Communism," the meeting was held at Bible Baptist Tabernacle, which stands on the site of an old blacksmith shop, rallying place for the order many years ago.

"Thank God for the Mason-Dixon Line, for it stands for white supremacy," bellowed the Kentucky Klansman, lass than 10 minutes after he had declared, "We are the best friends the colored man has."

Attacks Mrs. Roosevelt

Garrett and the Rev. A. A. Haggard, organizer for the Klan and the American Fellowship Club, lashed out at the Federal Council of Churches, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, and the Knoxville News Sentinel and its editor.

"The Federal Council of Churches has 6,500 colored persons under its Communistic influence," they charged. "The only time we have done anything against the colored man was when he was mixed up with Communistic elements."

Asserting that colored people have a "mistaken idea" of the Klan, Garrett said:

Against Mingling

"We will protect the colored man in the freedom he has now—thank God for the colored man's freedom—but we stand for white supremacy above everything else in the world."

"The real enemy of the colored people is the Communist Party, which has more than 1000 members in Knoxville," he claimed.

The Klansman lashed out at intermingling of the races with this outburst:

"The Lord created five races, and although He said they were of the same flesh and blood, He did not mean that I should go out and pick a colored wife—or vice versa."

Mob Raps Churches

Garrett and Haggard berated the News-Sentinel and the Scripps-Howard radio station, WNOX, for banning the Rev. T. Harold Smith and other radio evangelists recently when they attacked the Federal Council of Churches.

A mob of 25,000 Tennesseans, Kentuckians, Carolinians and Virginians stormed the newspaper office and radio station in protest and denounced the church council for alleged "Communistic activities."

Sheet Shortage

Attendance was less than 400, almost half this number being women. The Klan made a last-minute public announcement that it would appear "out of uniform."

Many of its "10,000 members in the Knoxville vicinity" having been unable to obtain the traditional regalia because of a nation-wide shortage of sheeting.

Cripple Is Organizer

Objectives of the Klan and the American Fellowship Club are identical, with both championing "white supremacy, racial segregation, pure white womanhood, and America for Americans." Haggard said the AFC is to the Klan what the BYPU is to the Baptist Church.

No open solicitation for members was made, but application blanks for membership in its affiliate, the AFC, were passed out at the door by Garrett and Haggard when the meeting closed. A 21-year-old half cripple from Chatttanooga, J. B. Stoner, is a Klan organizer.

Tenn. AVC Raps KKK Activities.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (ANP).—Activities of the Ku Klux Klan were strongly denounced here recently by members of the local chapter of the American Veterans' Committee, an organization of World War II veterans.

The Klan doctrine, they charged includes "a dangerous teaching of race supremacy which would divide American against American and play on prejudice to the detriment of the national good."

KKK activity in this State is classified as a misdemeanor and is punishable by a fine of "not less than $50 nor more than $100" plus imprisonment.

Baptist Ministers Hit Hooded Order

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—(ANP)—Opposed by two ministers, both of whom had earlier addressed a Klan meeting, a resolution denouncing the hooded order was passed last week by the white Knoxville Baptist Ministers' Alliance.

Opposing the resolution were Revs. J. Wesley Hill and J. Harold Smith, who openly admit membership in and admiration of the Ku Klux Klan.

The resolution, calling the Klan seditious and un-Christian, expressed the hope that members of the order "have their minds and souls illuminated by the presence and power of God."

Tennessee Veterans Denounce Ku Klux

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — (ANP) —Activities of the Ku Klux Klan was denounced strongly here last week by members of the local chapter of the American veterans committee, an organization of World War II veterans, by the adoption of a sharp anti-Klan resolution.

"This Ku Klux Klan professes a doctrine and employs methods strikingly similar to those of nazism and fascism, which we veterans fought the past war to destroy," the resolution said, and added that the Klan doctrine includes "a dangerous teaching of race supremacy which would divide American against American and play on prejudice to the detriment of the national good."

Tennessee's anti-Klan law, section 11033 of the state's code, was cited by an attorney in the group. KKK activity in this state is classified as a misdemeanor and is punishable by a fine of "not less than $50 nor more than $100" plus imprisonment "in the county jail for not less than six months, nor more than 12 months, said imprisonment to be within the discreation of the judge trying the case.

K. K. K. Stages Rally

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Sept. 3—(AP)—Members of the Ku Klux Klan staged an all-day meeting near here yesterday to hear Dr. Samuel Green of Atlanta, grand dragon, review Klan aims in this area. Green asserted more than 1,200 persons were present.

Klansmen Told Off

Six white-robed, hooded members of the Ku Klux Klan walked in on a Baptist religious revival at Knoxvillle, Tenn., and boldly interrupted services to hand a $30 contribution to a visiting preacher. Rev. Roy W. Hinchey, youthful pastor, ordered the nightshirters to depart:

"Anyone is welcome in my church, but we expect them to wear britches and clothes like other people," Hinchey declared as the Kluxers flapped out.

Kluxers Seen Behind Move To Imprison Riot Victims

(By The Associated Negro Press)

New York, Sept. 18.—Lynchers and Kluxers administer the law that is now trying to imprison 25 Columbia, Tenn., Negroes in Lawrenceburg.

That sensational revelation is contained in a booklet now being published by Robert Minor here and shows that at least two law enforcement officers have been involved in lynchings. A further astonishing disclosure is that Judge Elmer D. Davis, the federal judge who has repeatedly ruled against the efforts of NAACP defense lawyers to obtain a fair trial for the 25 defendants, is a former klansman.

In supporting his charge that law and order in Maury County is in the hands of lynchers and kluxers, Minor has obtained evidence to prove that C. Hayes Denton, the man who ordered legal prosecution of the 25 Negroes when the lynching attempt failed, participated in the lynching of a 17-year-old Negro boy 12 years ago.

Another lyncher is Bert Erwin, Maury County coroner, said Minor. He was one of those who 13 years ago held the arms of the Negro boy while the ghastly mutilation of his body was performed, then pulled in the slack of the rope and tied it to the tree and pushed the boy off a ladder to hang.

The trial to send the 25 Negroes to prison for daring to stop a lynching is the continuation of the lynching attempt, Minor declares. He explains Judge Davies' hostility to NAACP defense lawyers, and his continuous efforts to block procedures for a fair trial for the defendants, on the basis of his former Ku Klux Klan membership and philosophy of racial hatred against Negroes.

Minor recounts how Denton conspired to raise the bail of the 70 Negroes arrested after the ruthless destruction of "Mink Slide" by white guardsmen and highway policemen to $350,000 in an effort to keep them imprisoned in defiance of their constitutional rights and how he tried to block the release of James Stephenson and his mother from jail in order to make them easy lynching victims.

A deceptive cry about the races living "together in peace and harmony in the future as they have in the past 75 years" was raised by an anti-Negro publication and blasted Minor's evidence that shows that 203 lynchings have been recorded in Tennessee in the last 75 years. He calls the Columbia incident "the 204th lynching—the lynching that failed," and exposes chief figures in lynchings around Columbia for the past. 25 years.

His booklet, being published by New Century publishers, tells about burnings at the stake, hangings of whole families and the many murders by small gangs within a 25-year period. The stories are not written, Minor said, but are words of eye-witnesses accounts that have been checked with authoritative records and taken down in shorthand.

Included are the accounts on the lynchings of Henry Ghoate, a teen-age Negro boy, from the window of the Columbia, Tenn., court house by a group of well-to-do landowners, and the gruesome lynching of Cordie Cheek, another Negro boy, on a phony charge. Cheek was castrated publicly.

Eye-Witnesses Declare They Saw Ku Klux Klan Cross Burning At City Intersection

MEMPHIS, Tenn.— (SNS) Persistent rumor that the nefarious Ku Klux Klan is active here in Memphis received tentative confirmation last week end with the testimony of eye-witnesses that they saw a fiery cross burning at the corner of McLemore and Cottage Street in Memphis Sunday night, August 4th.

A grapevine rumor had swept the town last week that the Klan was active here But reports of the cross-burning conflicted in details as to location and time.

According to the word of witnesses who said they saw the cross burning and told their stories to

Memphis World representatives, the spectacle occurred Sunday night 2 weeks ago at the McLemore and Cottage Street location. around 8 p. m. A prominent Memphian, Dr. R. A. Venson, told the Memphis World reporter that he had seen the cross when he was enroute home from church. He had said he left a Walker bus to transfer and felt the cross might have been burning. When asked whether or not he saw the witness said he was willing to swear that he saw the cross. He said numerous persons, white and Negro, witness the work of pranksters.

The Ku Klux Klan was discredited here in the middle 1920's thanks to the spread activities of Doctor Venson was emphatic in his statement that the burning object was definitely in the shape of the notorious fiery cross of the famous Ku Klux Klan.

Green Comes Out of Shell

KKK RALLIES IN FRONT OF JAIL, FLOATS FIERY CROSS DOWN RIVER

The Courier Pittsburgh, Pa. Sat. 9-14-46

By SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—More than 1,200 Ku Kluxers, most of them in full regalia, invaded Maryville, Tenn., last week to hear an address by their national leader, Grand Dragon Samuel Green, and to initiate 100 new members. The spectacular ceremony was held in a hall across the street from the city jail.

The night meeting in downtown Maryville came as a surprise, although more than a thousand of the hooded band had been in an all-day session in a secluded country spot near here. The daylight meeting at McTeer Springs, about ten miles from Knoxville, was held in strict secrecy, but the initiation ceremony was openly staged across from the Maryville jail.

Klansmen from Knoxville, Lenoir City and Johnson City joined Kluxers of Maryville for the day and night meetings.

Grand Dragon Green renewed the old Klan cry of "white supremacy" in his address at the initiation ceremony.

"SAME LAWS CAN'T APPLY"

"We're for the Negro," he declared, "but the Negro is black and we're white, so the same laws can't apply."

When interviewed by a Pittsburgh Courier reporter, the grand dragon said the Klan "stands as it always has for law enforcement and pure Americanism."

He denied that a recent wave of terrorism in Knoxville was the work of the Klan, and the Knoxville KKK followed his remarks by posting a $100 reward " for the persons who have been using the Klan name to burn crosses and leave notes."

"We don't leave notes," explained a Knoxville hooded member.

ONE NEVER KNOWS

When asked how many members the Klan has in East Tennessee, Green replied: "More than you think. You never know who is a Klansman."

The Rev. A. A. Haggard, East Tennessee Klan organizer, had previously stated that "there are more than 10,000" Klansmen in Knox and Blount Counties alone.

Green said the Klan activities in this area were "not an organization move, but rather a continuation of an over-all expansion program that may some day embrace many thousands in the United States."

The national chief of the KKK asserted that the opposition which the Klan has encountered in Georgia and the threats to revoke the Klan's charter in the State of Georgia are "purely political moves."

POINTS TO ARNALL

He charged that Governor Ellis Arnall of Georgia, who repeatedly has denied Klan membership, has been "a member since 1942 when he bought a $50 life membership."

He attributed Arnall's recent defeat (the defeat of the Arnall-sponsored James V. Carmichael by Eugene Talmadge for Governor) to his opposition to the Klan.

Dr. Green and three carloads of his associates left for Atlanta immediately after the night meeting.

BURN CROSS ON RAFT

Other Klansmen drove to Knoxville and launched a flaming cross on a raft which they floated across the Tennessee River. Scene of the flaming cross was near the heart of the city's downtown section.

Eyewitnesses to the scene said two resounding explosions were set off before the raft was anchored in midstream. Witnesses said two men, who set fire to the cross on the barge, were picked up by a motor boat that had been anchored further upstream.

POLICE KNOW NOTHING

Hundreds of spectators lined two bridges to view the cross which burned more than an hour. Police said they were unable to find any trace of the men in the motor boat. Hundreds of calls were received at police headquarters from persons inquiring about the explosions which were heard several blocks away.

At the night meeting in Maryville, visitors were barred from the meeting hall where the initiation ceremonies took place, but Maryville residents stood around outside the building for hours listening to the singing and watching the parade of initiates. Members of both sexes were initiated.

Klan Crosses Burned At Editor's Door

Daily World Atlanta, Ga.

MARYVILLE, Tenn. — (ANP) — A white newspaper editor's criticism of klan sentiment of local police and city officials brought fiery crosses burning last week before his newspaper office. Fri. 11-8-46

Clyde B. Emerit, editor and publisher of the Maryville Daily Times, editorially criticized local officials for "allowing an officer to act seemingly as an official representative accompanying the grand dragon to the meeting site" of a klan mass meeting in Blount county last September. Dr. Samuel Green of Atlanta, grand dragon of the KKK, attended the meeting.

A pamphlet entitled "Ideals of the Ku Klux Klan,' was left under the front door of the newspaper office, Emert said.

Tenn. Sheriff Stumped By Ku Klux Klan

The Defender Chicago, Ill.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — (NNPA) — Several months ago, according to the report of the county sheriff, a Jewish woman store owner was driven out of business in Red Bank here by "some persons" burning a wooden cross in front of her store.

The sheriff's investigation convinced him that the incident unquestionably caused the woman to close her store—that was easy. What really had him up a tree, however, was the fact that the cross burners all wore Ku Klux Klan hoods. Sat. 8-24-46

"Couldn't make head nor tails of that," said the sheriff, "that sounds like ghosts—and they don't do things like that."

Tenn. Klan Robs Non-White Veterans of 55 Project Homes

The Afro-American Baltimore, Md. Sat. 7-20-46

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—Shortly after Fred C. McMahan, Sevierville colored contractor, announced that he would build 55 modern homes for colored war veterans, members of the hooded Klan visited the new sub-division site and planted flaming crosses in the midst of the area.

A few days later, McMahan is reported to have said the houses would be built "for white occupants only." The houses are to be erected at an approximate cost of $400,000 in the vicinity of Lay Ave. and McKinley St.

The city had approved plans for the colored sub-division. McMahan has not commented on any "personal" visits by the Klan, but it is rumored that his plans were changed as a direct result of the cross-burning. 7-20-46

Atlanta Loses Notoriety

Klan Finds Fertile Ground in Knoxville

The Courier Pittsburgh, Pa. Sat. 9-21-46

By Special Correspondent

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—City officials and law enforcement officers this week continued to blow the dust from ancient statute books in a ridiculous search to "find a law that will unmask the Ku Klux Klan."

Numerous instances are known in which attorneys have advised City Manager W. B. Lockwood that application of certain State statutes against terrorism, inciting riots, and unlawful assembly would provide a solution, but Lockwood announced that he would submit his own ordinance proposal, drafted by Law Director Oscar M. Tate Jr., to City Council at its next meeting.

KLAN UNCHECKED

Meanwhile, the activity of the Klan increases unchecked. Knoxville has long since replaced Atlanta as the "hot spot" of the Klan world. Numerous cross burnings and night rides preceded a meeting of 1200 East Tennessee Klansmen to hear Grand Dragon Samuel Green in a meeting across from the Maryville city jail, a few miles from Knoxville. More crosses have been burned since Green's audacious visit to East Tennessee.

The latest occurred last week when a 10-foot cross was burned near the William Henson Home for Boys, at the Knoxville city limits on Old Maryville Pike. The cross was burned in a community that has been visited three times in ten days by the Klan.

OFFERS PROOF

A Ku Klux Klan organizer, who rubber-stamps his personal correspondence with the slogan, "Down with the Jews!" has been circularizing Tennessee churches from his Chattanooga office trying to sell an anti-Semitic book he has written, the Rev. Marshall Wingfield, minister of First Congregational Church of Memphis, revealed in a recent address here.

Speaking before the Knoxville Round Table, local affiliate of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the Memphis clergyman offered the activity of this organizer as proof the present KKK is the same organization which terrorized the Nation during the 1920's.

CITY HEAD UNDER FIRE

The anti-Jewish literature of Hitler's Germany was hardly more vicious than this Klansman's book, he said.

City Manager Lockwood of Knoxville has been under fire of the Knoxville News-Sentinel, Scripps-Howard paper, because of a remark he is reported to have made to a News-Sentinel reporter:

"I suppose some good things are brought about by the Klan."

Lockwood has promised, however, that any "individual cases" brought to his attention will be fully investigated.

During the long reign of terrorism by the Klan in Knoxville, not one arrest has been made. The City Manager has been accused by the American Veteran's Committee of being a "tacit supporter of the Klan."

Whites Also Terrorized:

Klan on Rampage In Knoxville, Tenn.

The Courier Pittsburgh, Pa. Sat. 9-7-46

...quently making another call at a home on Old Maryville Pike.

The note left at the Scarbrough home bore the worlds: "We understand you are running a disorderly house; stop it within two days or we'll be back." Mrs. Scarbrough, mother of three children, is under police protection.

The following night, Aug. 31, the Klan visited the home of Al Dawson, an employe of the strike-bound Fulton Sylphon Corporation plant. Both warned Dawson to "go back to work and support your family" or expect another visit from the Klan.

In each case, the fire department was called to extinguish the blazing crosses. Apparently seeking publicity, anonymous callers who identified themselves as Klansmen telephoned the Knoxville newspapers a few minutes before the crosses were burned.

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TY IN GROUP

Approximately fifty Klansmen visited the Scarbrough home, planted an oil-soaked cross at the street intersection, ignited it, and danced around the flaming cross, while

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—Terrorism by the white-robed Ku Klux Klan is sweeping Knoxville unchecked. Fiery crosses are being planted in residential sections and night-riding has become an almost common occurrance.

Contrary to its early demonstrations, the Klan has recently concentrated upon whites rather than Negroes. Most spectacular of recent visits by the hooded gang was that paid to Mrs. E. E. Scarbrough on the Scarbrough lawn. Then all

...KVILLE

Klan Rises Near Nation's Capital

Newsweek Aug. 5 Suite
Norfolk Va.

WASHINGTON, (ANP) — Reports from persons residing in nearby Arlington, Va., had applied to the headquarters of the Ku Klux Klan for permission to organize a chapter within hailing distance of the capital, caused quite a stir locally.

Arlington has been criticized for its lack of educational and recreational and health facilities for Negro residents of the state where jim-crow flourishes and it is felt that the application for a charter to operate the hooded group in that section is a slap at the critics who demand action.

This would not be the first time the Klan has been active in this area, for during the summer of 11925, thousands of sheeted and hooded whites paraded the main thoroughfare of Washington down Pennsylvania avenue along the route of the Presidents from the White House to the Capitol.

Negroes are not alarmed over the revelation, but they are determined to fight the prospective organization in and out of courts regardless of the platitudes issues by high ranking officials in the organization. Aut. 3-25-46

Ku Klux Klan Is Either Dead Or Well-Hidden in Virginia

Times-Dispatch Richmond, Va.
Thurs. 8-1-46

White-hooded Ku Kluxers, who once spread terror in their night rides across the Virginia countryside, either no longer have any organization in the Old Dominion, or else their activities are being carried on in such deep secrecy that their very existence is not known to outsiders.

Elsewhere the resurgent Klan's doings are making news, and yesterday the Justice Department at Washington announced it is investigating the organization in seven States to determine whether Federal laws are being violated. Virginia was not one of the States mentioned, and Harry M. Kimball, special agent in charge of the FBI here, said his office had received no instructions to make any investigation of the Klan in this State.

If the Klan is dead in Virginia, that demise has occurred since 1940. In that year the knights of the Klan were still operating in Virginia, although they had discarded their masks and had confined the use of other regalia to official Klan meetings.

Baskin Was Leader

Joel L. Baskin, who had a law office here, was the grand dragon and imperial director hereabouts back in those days, and, in fact, had been the big boss of the organization here for a long time. The last time he appeared in the news was in September, 1940, when he denounced the grand dragon of New Jersey for permitting the Klan in that State to meet with the German-American Bund. Mr. Baskin sent out notices to 98 Klans in Virginia declaring that the New Jersey dragon was banned from all Klan meetings in this region.

Grand Dragon Baskin came to Richmond from Birmingham, Ala., in 1925, led the Klan in its fight for Hoover in the Smith-Hoover presidential campaign, and later became head of the Invisible Empire for Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia. In September, 1937, he visited New York, and the New York Times ran a long front-page interview with him. In 1939 he was prominently considered by the Klan in national convention at Atlanta to be imperial wizard, but was not elected to this post.

Efforts made lately to locate Mr. Baskin in Richmond have proved fruitless, as have attempts to find any other former or present Klansmen.

Back in 1930 the KKK held a mammoth demonstration on July 4 in Richmond, with hundreds of hooded pilgrims from throughout the State on hand. Nobody got scared at the spectacle of the masked army on that occasion, but the same wasn't true in April, 1868, when Richmonders found handbills in red and black ink on their doorsteps saying:

"Good citizens of Richmond, the Ku Klux Klan be upon you. They have come! Sprinkle your door posts that the sword may not yet enter your houses. Read the dread announcement; but question us no further. Whence it came, or how, or by whom, ask us not. We would not be doomed; we would not die, nor drink our own blood from another's skull. No more!"

In another handbill, the Klansmen asked about themselves:

"Who are they? What are they? Goblins from hell, or devils damned? Let the graveyards and graves of dead men make answer —mortals can not . . . Who can interpret them? Let the dead, the ghouls and ghosts make answer —for mortals cannot."

That stuff can scare a guy on a dark night.

Wisconsin Revokes Klan's Charter

The Constitution, Atlanta, Ga.

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 10—(INS)—Circuit Judge Herman V. Sachtjen Tuesday revoked the State charter of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

Wed. 12-11-46

Judge Sachtjen, acting on a petition field by the State, found that the Klan was chartered "for no lawful purpose" and that it "stands for principles which are un-American, un-democratic and contrary to the letter and the spirit of the Constitution and the laws of the State of Wisconsin and the United States of America." No representative of the K— n appeared to defend the organization.

Charter Is Protection

The News and Courier

In Wisconsin a court has revoked the charter of a so-called "Ku Klux Klan". The effective Ku Klux Klan of late 1860s (the real thing) was never chartered. If it had been it would not have been effective. The public is comparatively safe from chartered "klans".

Charleston, S.C. Mon. 12-16-46

In Wisconsin

The Courier

Judge Revokes Klan Charter

Pittsburgh, Pa.

Sat. 12-21-46

MADISON, Wis. —(ANP)— Another legal blow was dealt the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan when Judge Herman V. Sachtjen of Dane County Circuit Court revoked a State charter granted the hooded organization in 1925, here last Monday.

Revocation of the charter followed Judge Sachtjen's findings that the Klan was formed "for no lawful purpose and stands only for principles which are un-American, un-democratic and contrary to the letter and spirit of the Constitution and laws of the State of Wisconsin and the United States of America."

K.K.K. Charges Investigated by Grand Jury

Times Los Angeles, Calif.
Wed. 10-9-46

The Los Angeles County grand jury yesterday held a round-table discussion with city and State officials, law enforcement agencies and representatives of the Mobilization for Democracy to determine whether there were any basic facts to back up recent alleged radio broadcasts sponsored by the organization.

The meeting was requested by Mayor Bowron, who has challenged the authenticity of the incidents broadcast during the past weeks with the claim that investigators have determined that recent acts of vandalism attributed to the Ku Klux Klan were merely pranks by individuals.

Mayor Bowron opened the meeting, which was held behind the locked doors of the grand jury session room. He was followed by Atty. Gen. Robert W. Kenny, who has charged before the Tenney committee on un-American activities that the incidents are true and that the hooded order is increasing its activities and membership here.

Among those in the meeting were William R. Bidner, executive director of the Mobilization for Democracy; Police Chief C. B. Horrall, Assistant Chief Joseph Reed, Lts. Joseph Vigneau and George H. Weiner of the Sheriff's antisubversive squad, Dep. Sheriff Roscoe Robinson, Investigator Walter J. Sullivan of the District Attorney's office, and Investigator James H. Mulvey of Kenny's staff.

Members of the grand jury pointed out that the meeting was on a voluntary basis and indicated they would report findings next week.

Mr. Smythe Gives Warning

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Edward James Smythe, erstwhile friend of the German-American Bundist and presently head and founder of the Protestant War Veterans of the United States, which Georgia's assistant attorney general asserts is a "front" for the Ku Klux Klan, boldly announces that as soon as Governor-elect Eugene Talmadge takes office on Jan. 1, 1947, he will set up his Southern headquarters in Atlanta, Ga.

Smythe has written to Governor Arnall denouncing Jews, Catholics, Communists, the U. S. Department of Justice and other groups he does not like, and charged that President Truman "was a Klansman and no doubt will renew his membership before the 1948 Presidential campaign."

Mr. Smythe boasts in his letter that "It was this writer, and this writer alone, that organized the meeting of the Ku Klux Klan at the German-American Bund Camp in the State of New Jersey, and no living man can tell why that meeting was held and the motive behind it other than this writer."

Governor Arnall's investigator states that the Klan-Bund meeting was held at Andover, N. J., Aug. 18, 1940, when Mr. Smythe praised the Bund leader, Fritz Kuhn, as a "Christian martyr" and forcefully expressed his sympathy for Nazidom.

Georgia's suit for revocation of the Klan's charter in that State will take place in November, but considering the warnings and admissions of Edward James Smythe, there is no reason why the U. S. Department of Justice should not use his statements against him now.

Why prosecute Nazi leaders at Nuernberg, Germany, and permit acknowledged Nazis to operate unmolested in this country to stir up hatred and strife between Americans?

Clearly Attorney General Tom Clark's work is cut out for him and it is to be hoped that he will go zealously about it.

Atlanta to Be Klan Capital

The Courier Pittsburgh, Pa.

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ATLANTA — (ANP) — Southern headquarters of the Protestant War Veterans of the United States, a hate racket group described as a "front" for the Ku Klux Klan and other fascist organizations, will be opened in Atlanta when Talmadge takes office as Governor, the founder, Edward James Smythe of Washington, boasted to Governor Arnall in a letter made public this week.

The attorney general's office, which filed suit to revoke the Georgia charter of the national Klan chapter, said the Smythe letter strongly attacked Jews, Catholics, Communists, the Department of Justice and charged President Truman "was a Klansman and no doubt will renew his membership before the 1948 Presidential campaign."

A Lie, He Says

Sirs:

Time

You like many other publishers who have come under the influence of the communistic propaganda machine in this country have made a false statement about this writer in TIME [Nov. 25] and which we are demanding a retraction of same.

You repeated a lie by . . . John Roy Carlson that this writer was a member of the "Bund" and a Klansman, both of these statements are false and I will submit an affidavit under oath that I never made application for membership into the German-American Bund at any time, never paid dues therein, never carried a membership card, never attended even one of its membership meetings. Chicago, Ill.

Now insofar as the "Klan" is concerned, I never belonged to the Klan, never made application for membership in the same, never donned a Robe, never took an OATH in the same. . . .

It is true that I have charged that their exists an unholy alliance between the Roman-Catholic-controlled political machine in New York City and State, and the Jew-Communist-controlled political machine under the guidence of Governor Thomas E. Dewey, and that the Protestants of City and State of New York are civic and political outcasts, more I will back this up with facts and figures, how about publishing that statement? Mon. 12-30-46

EDWARD JAMES SMYTHE
Executive Chairman
Protestant War Veterans of the U.S.
Washington

¶ Herewith (minus scurrility) the case of bigot Smythe—such as it is.—ED.

J. B. Stoner, Ku Klux Klan Organizer, Conducts Negro-Jewish Hate Crusade

The Courier Pittsburgh, Pa. Sat. 10-26-46

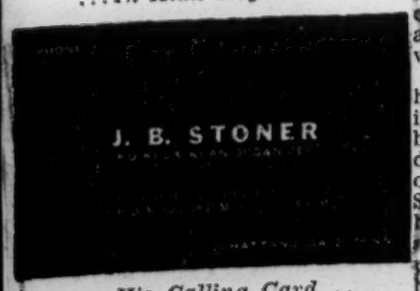
CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—J. B. Stoner is a 21-year-old cripple. He is ambitious and is trying to lift himself on a race-hate program. He started out as a Ku Klux Klan organizer—but, that job was too small; it didn't give him a chance to spread to the fullest his anti-Jew, anti-Negro propaganda. He is now the archleader of his own "Stoner Anti-Jewish Party" — a party that "believes all Jewish influence in North America must be eliminated," and proposes that all "n———rs in North America be lawfully resettled in Africa." Stoner is for "white supremacy," and when he prints his ideas and opinions, he uses red ink . . . Give this Stoner a little time and he'll prove a bigger "Klaghorn" than Bilbo, or even Talmadge.

The hanging of ten condemned Nazis in Nuernberg last week didn't faze this Stoner at all . . . The fact that these men were hanged for butchering and belittling Jews and scattering propaganda against Negroes didn't cause Stoner any worry. He went right ahead and violated a Federal law by using the U. S. mails to smear minority groups.

Hundreds of business reply cards, printed in red ink, were put into the mails. Stoner didn't try to hide this fact. He even sent one to The Pittsburgh Courier.

The Stoner Anti-Jewish Party which lists J. B. Stoner as arch leader (in full, unlimited authority), has this to say about Negroes:

J. B. STONER
...In Klan Regalia...



...His Calling Card...

"The Stoner Anti-Jewish Party believes that North America is for white Gentiles only. It believes in white supremacy. It definitely proposes that all n———s in North America be lawfuly resettled in Africa with better living conditions in Africa than here. It believes that all Orientals should be resettled in the Orient."

Stoner's Anti-Jewish Party is "a political party whose main and primary object is to serve Christianity and America by obtaining passage of proper laws or Constitutional Amendments making it unlawful and impossible for Jews to live in North America." Stoner's party "proposes to obtain its objectives by spreading the truth, and by electing proper men to public office."

"STRICTLY LEGAL"

And, this man Stoner "insists that its program be accomplished in a strictly legal way."

Archleader Stoner, by the way can be contacted at this address: Route 3, Chattanooga, Tenn.

He has jammed a lot of words on his little business reply cards. Says he: "The Stoner Anti-Jewish Party believes in anti-Jewish. It believes that anti-Jewism is a leading Christian virtue, It believes that anti-Jewism is a leading American virtue. It believes that all Jewish influence in North America must be eliminated. It believes that the Jews are the worst enemies of Christianity and America . . . It also believes in upholding the Constitution of the United States, law and order, freedom of speech and press and separation of Church and State."

If you are white, Gentile and anti-Jewish, Stoner invites you to join his party.

Early last spring, when the Klan began bobbing its head in East Tennessee, who should pop up as a KKK organizer but that man Stoner. One thing about him, he likes publicity, and he likes to see his name in print. As an organizer for the hooded group, Stoner printed cards establishing his authority, and the biggest thing on the cards was his name. 10-26-46

Last reports listed the Klan as having more than 10,000 members in East Tennessee. And it's a good bet that Stoner had some thing to do with it. During the early days of the Klan renewal in this section, Stoner boasted that "We've been burning crosses in this area for about a year. We are getting along pretty well with the Catholics here, but we're fighting the Jews and Negroes."